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Greetings from Wesleyan!

With Baccalaureate and Commencement behind us, the Purple Knights of 2014 are now on their way to the next phase of their lives. Whether they are crossing the globe to places like Switzerland and Korea or moving across town for law school, these graduates will be committed, like Wesleyan Women before them, to making ours a better world. In this issue of the *Wesleyan Magazine*, we take a look at the Five Faces of 2014, representative of the dozens of extraordinary women who form this year's graduating class. And as we wish these newest alumnae well, we also celebrate other inspiring Wesleyannes who are using their talents and expertise to shape the world in areas ranging from organic farming to urban theater and ocean science. I know you will share my pride in each of these accomplished Wesleyan women!

You also will enjoy reading about another group of students and alumnae featured in our story describing Spring Exploratories, which matched several promising science students with amazing young alumnae mentors for a different sort of spring break experience. Still another alumna/student story, that of Gay Garrett '87 and Grace Morse '16, actually began when Grace read in a previous issue of the *Wesleyan Magazine* about Gay's work as a surgeon on a medical mission team. Grace knew she wanted to be a doctor and recognized that Gay would be a terrific role model. Grace reached out to her, and Gay answered the call – big time!

As always, we love sharing Wesleyan's historic moments with you – both old and new. This issue includes a feature about our ground blessing celebration in February for the new Pierce Chapel, a dream as old as the Rivoli campus itself. While the frigid temperatures drove the ceremony indoors, we all rejoiced together as we sang, gave thanks, and asked God's blessings on this

long-awaited project. We also tell you about Benefactors' Day, a Wesleyan tradition of honoring our generous donors that we plan to revive this fall. In addition, we take you back to 1939 and the star-studded world premiere of the award-winning movie *Gone with the Wind*. I'll wager that most of you have never heard about the role Wesleyan College played in that extravaganza! (Read carefully, and you'll see why this story is one of my favorites.) As is our custom, you'll also see pictures from STUNT (the Golden Hearts of '15 have now won two in row) and from a record-breaking Alumnae Weekend, where our fiftieth reunion class, the Great Green Knights of 1964, inspired us all with their unprecedented level of participation in giving to our Annual Fund and to Pierce Chapel.

The past academic year most certainly has been one for the record books with several events of historical significance: the launch of our Bachelor of Science in Nursing, the first stops for our *Masterworks on the Move* traveling exhibition of paintings, the beginning of Pierce Chapel's construction, and our ongoing improvement of the Wesleyan Arboretum, resulting in its accreditation by the Morton Registry of Arboreta. Years of planning, dreaming, and working diligently are producing tangible results – not only through these new programs and buildings but also through the lives of the women who continue to seek out Wesleyan College for an educational experience like no other. Thank you, the loyal alumnae and friends of Wesleyan College, for sharing your gifts so generously and for helping us continue to make history and shape the world. For your extraordinary support, we can never say "thank you" enough!

Hail Wesleyan!

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Wesleyan Women
**SHAPING
THE WORLD**



The world's challenges demand leaders with excellent critical thinking skills, global knowledge, intercultural competence, and real-world abilities. Numerous studies demonstrate that women's colleges surpass co-ed public colleges and universities in helping students learn to think analytically and creatively, write and speak effectively, solve problems, and make sound decisions. Additionally, according to research conducted by Hardwick-Day for the Women's College Coalition, graduates of women's colleges are almost twice as likely to say they felt better prepared for life after college. They earn graduate degrees at almost double the rate of any other group of graduates and are better prepared to gain entry to a career and make a career change or advancement. *Forbes.com* reports that graduates of women's colleges make up more than twenty percent of women in Congress and represent thirty percent of a *Businessweek* list of rising women in corporate America.

These national studies consistently validate what we at Wesleyan College see every day – that a single gender educational environment is extremely powerful for women, particularly in the areas of leadership and academic excellence in the fields of math and science. Wesleyan is educating women to do the impossible, the amazing, and the extraordinary in fine arts, science, business, education, and a wide range of professions. Wesleyan women are taking their own convictions out into the world, making significant contributions in disciplines like biogenetics and molecular engineering, serving in impoverished communities, and discovering better ways to predict and respond to natural disasters. Wesleyan women have the aptitude and the aspiration necessary to solve critical problems related to our health, happiness, and safety. In short, Wesleyan women are shaping the world.

CONSIDER THESE EXAMPLES:

June Jordan O'Neal '90 transforms the lives of youth in Central Georgia as executive director of the Mentors Project of Bibb County. Since 1990, the Mentors Project has been successful in steering students away from drugs and crime while encouraging them to remain in school. Nearly one hundred percent of the protégés who graduate from high school with an active mentor will attend a post-secondary institution.

Dr. Wendy Nembhard '94, associate professor in the Department of Epidemiology and Biostatistics in the College of Public Health at the University of South Florida, is dedicated to improving the health of children and pregnant women. Wendy's research focuses on birth defects, the leading cause of infant mortality in the United States. Her research has the potential to improve the health of children and pregnant women around the world.

Michele Arduengo '88 earned her Ph.D. through the Biochemistry, Cell and Developmental Biology Program at Emory University in Atlanta. A molecular geneticist, Michele serves as a scientific communications specialist at Promega Corporation where she writes about new science technologies for researchers. The privately held company employs 1,200 people in fifteen countries. In 2005, Michele was selected to create a national bioethics curriculum for high school students.

In these next pages you'll find eleven more examples of women who are using their Wesleyan education to do generative, life-improving work in the world today. As always, we invite you to submit your story.

Janice Mays '73 receives 2014 Pillar of Excellence Award


In February, Janice Mays, Democratic Staff Director, Chief Counsel, and former Chief Tax Counsel of the House Ways & Means Committee, received the 2014 Pillar of Excellence Award at the Tax Council Policy Institute's (TCPI) 15th Annual Tax Policy & Practice Symposium in Washington, D.C.

The 2014 award was given to Mays based on her extraordinary dedication and contribution to the field of tax law and policy. "Janice Mays embodies all the characteristics the Pillar of Excellence Award was designed to recognize," said Lynda K. Walker, executive director and general counsel for TCPI. "For more than three decades she has been a driving force behind federal tax policy development. She is widely regarded as a thoughtful expert and is highly respected on both sides of the aisle for her leadership on Capitol Hill. We are honored to present the award to Janice, who has dedicated her career to shaping sound and fair tax policy."

Mays is the first woman and fifth overall recipient of this award, which honors individuals who consistently go above and beyond what is required, proving to be true leaders in their field. Qualifications for the Pillar of Excellence Award include playing a key role in tax policy, having an impact on the tax business and national economy, participating in knowledge-sharing opportunities, and demonstrating an overall understanding of tax policies among professionals, executives, and policymakers.

Janice has been referred to as "the most powerful woman in Congress you've never heard of... a genuine legend on Capitol Hill." She joined the Committee staff in 1975 immediately after earning her juris doctorate from the University of Georgia School of Law. She also holds a Master of Law in taxation from Georgetown University School of Law. Mays earned a bachelor's degree (graduating *cum laude*) from Wesleyan College in 1973, where she was the only student at the time to major in political science. In 1998, Wesleyan's Alumnae Association honored Janice with the award for Distinguished Achievement in a Profession. In 2011, Janice served as Wesleyan's Commencement speaker, and the College recognized her with an honorary Doctor of Laws degree.

Special thanks to Paul Caron, professor of law, Pepperdine University School of Law and editor of TaxProfBlog.

A woman with shoulder-length brown hair, wearing a white lab coat, is sitting at a desk in a laboratory. She is smiling at the camera. In front of her is a large, professional-grade microscope. The background shows other laboratory equipment and a clean, clinical environment.

Shaping the World: Chronic pain prevention

"We could tailor treatments and health interventions to individuals and more effectively treat, or better yet, prevent their pain."

From the age of five, **Erin Young '00** wanted to be a scientist. Torn between research and practicing medicine, she entered Wesleyan without a commitment either way. In her junior year, she spent the summer in Malibu, California, conducting research at Pepperdine University through a fellowship funded by the National Science Foundation. By the end of the summer, Erin knew she would pursue a career in scientific research rather than in medicine. At Wesleyan, Erin majored in biology and minored in physics and neuroscience, then earned her master's degree and Ph.D. in experimental (biological) psychology from Kent State University.

"My research has shifted over time based on where my experiments have led me," Erin said. "I began studying the way the spinal cord responds after injury. When people have a spinal cord injury they often have other injuries that may affect their recovery. When you activate the immune system, the spinal cord loses some of its ability to support recovery of function, and that recovery is then impaired long term." During her five and a half years of post-doctoral training at Texas A & M, Erin studied how stress and inflammation affect pain outcomes and a person's sensitivity to persistent pain. In 2011, she enrolled at The Pittsburgh Center for Pain Research at the University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine and began studying the genetic contributions to pain susceptibility. Erin had already spent time studying the relationship between a person's external experiences, like social stress and exposure to immune activation, and pain. She decided to refocus her study on the combination of genetics and environment.

For the last three years, she has studied both somatic and visceral pain and the gene X environment interactions that determine who develops and who is protected from chronic pain. Using animal and clinical populations, Erin hopes to identify which genes predispose people to persistent pain and how environmental factors might modulate that susceptibility. The idea, she says, is that someone may be carrying genes in her DNA that increase or decrease the likelihood of developing chronic pain that becomes apparent only after an injury or other challenge occurs.

"Pain is the single most commonly reported reason for seeking medical attention. Pain is what alerts us that something is wrong with our bodies. If we can identify a subset of genes that are key players in pain sensitivity and pair them with environmental factors, we could tailor treatments and health interventions to individuals and more effectively treat, or better yet, prevent their pain," Erin said.

In the fall of 2014, Erin will start on the faculty tenure track at the University of Connecticut's Schools of Nursing and of Medicine, while continuing her own research.



Shaping the World: Storm surge modeling

Janelle Reynolds Fleming '94 grew up in Boca Raton, Florida, and has always had the ocean in her blood. After graduating from Wesleyan with a major in mathematics, she was well prepared to continue her studies at Texas A & M's Department of Oceanography, one of the nation's premier programs, where she began working on her master's degrees in both computational mathematics and oceanography. "When I took the physical oceanography class, I became excited about the possibilities of the ocean, from tidal currents that can be used to generate power to larval transport. The physics involved was very intriguing," Janelle said.


Today, Janelle and husband Jason, who hold Ph.D.s in marine science and mechanical engineering, respectively, own the multifunctional consulting company Seahorse Coastal Consulting (SCC) in Morehead City, North Carolina. "We primarily do storm surge model development and research," Janelle said. "If a weather event, like a hurricane or Nor'easter, is threatening a particular area, shareholders would like to know if there will be storm surge and, if so, how much and what areas will be affected." Storm surge refers to the waves and high waters generated by the weather event. SCC's clients include federal and state agencies as well as larger consulting firms. SCC provides storm surge models that are used by local national weather service offices and state management offices.

Janelle and Jason have an ongoing project with the Army Corps of Engineers that includes storm surge modeling for Louisiana. Since 2005's Hurricane Katrina, the Corps has used the model generated by SCC to determine if and when they need to close the dams to prevent major flooding in the New Orleans district. This type of modeling was also used in 2012 to determine the flooding effects of Hurricane Sandy in the New Jersey/New York area and by the Coast Guard to set up defense areas.

SCC also works in conjunction with the University of North Carolina (UNC) Institute of Marine Sciences on a coastal and estuarine sediment and water movement project within Onslow Bay and the New River Estuary in North Carolina. This area is an important region because it is the location of Camp Lejeune, one of the largest military installations on the East Coast. Camp Lejeune will determine the sustainability of their training programs in this area based on the data that SCC is collecting. An offshoot of this project is the numerical modeling of the flow in the region and a real-time model forecasting system that can predict water movement, wave height, and potential sediment transport.

In addition to storm surge modeling, SCC is venturing into tsunami modeling and developing continuing education courses for engineering professionals. "Education is a prime focus area for our company, and we are expanding our efforts to undergraduate education and scientific diving in conjunction with UNC. We plan to offer a four-month program that focuses on individual research projects that use scuba to collect data," Janelle said.

SCC works closely with the local dive shop Discovery Diving and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration in Beaufort, South Carolina, to understand the effects of lionfish removal on artificial reefs. Lionfish are indigenous to the Pacific Ocean and were introduced to the Atlantic Ocean in the 1990s. Since their introduction, they have become an invasive species as they reproduce rapidly with no known predators in the Atlantic. SCC is also working with local restaurants and other research organizations to create exotic food tasting events to inform the public about the accessibility of lionfish in cuisine.



Shaping the World: Safe, nutritious food

"Just because people are poor or down on their luck doesn't mean they don't deserve safe, nutritious food. I'm not talking about just preventing starvation. I'm talking about food that will create or revive a healthy life - more energy, strength, and motivation."

Shirley Anna Lanier Daughtry '52 taught school for ten years before helping to found Savannah Country Day School, where she served as principal of the middle school. Shirley became interested in growing organic foods when she learned about how chemical agriculture poisons the environment, causing many twenty-first century diseases. So she bought land and grew organic vegetables as a hobby in her spare time. The hobby soon turned into a business, and Shirley had to choose between school and farming. She chose organic farming.

Shirley's 20-acre Heritage Organic Farm, located in Effingham County, is Georgia's oldest organic farm, earning its national certification in 1991. The farm works closely with the USDA, EPA, and the University of Georgia and shares its findings with other farmers through the USDA's mentoring program for organic farmers. Dedicated to improving local life, Heritage has participated in farmers' markets, donated food to homeless shelters, and is now working with area schools and hospitals to offer organic food. Shirley said, "I am disappointed that organic food is taking a backseat to just any fruits and veggies in our schools. Organically grown food is the safest and most nutritious food you can eat. My professional goal is to continue providing the truth about our food."

Heritage has been involved in experimental grant work with organic no-till weed control and farmscaping. Area farmers are regularly invited to attend field days to learn about the processes and results. According to Heritage's website, a recent study by *Consumer Reports* found 75% of conventionally grown produce had pesticide residue. When tested, organically grown vegetables were found to have an average of 27% more vitamin C, 23% more iron, and 29% more magnesium than their conventionally grown counterparts.

Heritage Organic Farm provides foods to co-ops and health food stores throughout the southeast coastal area, but their primary focus is their certified organic box business. Nutritionally balanced boxes of certified organic produce are packed weekly on the farm. Each box, which sells for \$32 if picked up at the farm, contains four to five vegetables and four to five fruits which vary from week to week, plus recipes, nutritional notes, and notices of special events. Their on-staff nutritionist helps design special low glycemic, low carb, high antioxidant, and immune booster boxes for those who request them. Although likes and dislikes are taken into consideration, customers are encouraged to try new produce varieties. All fruits and vegetables included in the boxes are certified organically grown. In season, most of the vegetables and some of the fruits come from Heritage Farm's crops.



Shaping the World: Women's & children's health

Regularly throughout her young life, **Dora Ward Curry '94** visited Wesleyan with her grammy, Lou Matteson Jones '46. By the time Dora began her college search, she knew she wanted to attend a women's college. She was accepted to Smith and Wellesley, but chose Wesleyan, where her other grandmother, Joy Lawless Tripp '46, had also attended. Dora enjoyed her quick immersion into campus activities and the easy access and close mentoring relationships she had with her professors.

Dora's major was a self-designed interdisciplinary study in humanities, and she says it suits her career today more than she ever imagined. Her idea was also to complete a full pre-med course load and eventually go to medical school. Dora knew she wanted to work in the health industry, specifically with mothers and children, and thought she would become a family practitioner in an underserved community.

Dora designed her major to focus on women's issues through a variety of disciplines: philosophy, psychology, pre-med, and even literature. She was motivated by social issues such as the dynamics of family relationships, what it means to be a mother, and the impact of home and work on the health of mother and child. After graduation Dora enrolled in Emory's Rollins School of Public Health and applied to the department of international health. "Languages came pretty naturally to me, and I enjoyed the summer I spent living with family friends in Mexico during high school. The first day of class I knew I'd found where I belonged. Global public health draws on everything I love. I love the languages, I love the travel, and I love mingling with colleagues from all over the world. I'm drawn to a public health approach because of its capacity for scale," she said.

Describing her work as "community service to the world," Dora now works for CARE USA as senior technical advisor helping doctors, nurses, and community leaders improve the health of mothers and children. "We provide medical supplies for family planning and basic

health. We supply knowledge in two ways: clinical training and data analysis. My colleague oversees the training of nurses, doctors, and midwives in basic medical procedures. My role is to help the clinic managers determine how many patients they see and what services they will offer. I emphasize the importance of providing quality care, like having medicines in stock and basic cleanliness and infection prevention practices. The ultimate goal is to improve every woman's clinic experience and to encourage more women to use the services," Dora said.

About forty percent of Dora's time involves traveling to rural project sites in Chad, eastern Democratic Republic of Congo, and Pakistan. She has also traveled to or been based in Angola, India, Nepal, Ethiopia, Mozambique, Guatemala, and Venezuela. Her visits are usually a mixture of assessment and training for clinic workers, non-profit staff, and sometimes community leaders.

Dora's career accomplishments have been many. In rural South Africa, she established a project to improve children's health and prevent HIV transmission. She eventually handed project leadership over to the South African national she had mentored. When the final evaluation was completed, immunization rates, breastfeeding rates, and the rate of teenage girls abstaining from premarital sex had improved. More recently, Dora was involved with the Global Polio Eradication Initiative's work in India, a former breeding ground for the disease, which recently celebrated three years with no new cases of polio.

"I am doing exactly what I always wanted – helping to improve healthcare services for mothers and children in the most underserved communities in the world," Dora said. "I have worked in both global and domestic public health and, as important as similar work in America is, I just love the travel, learning new languages, and learning other cultures. The challenge of reaching hard-to-reach and hardly-reached communities motivates me."



Shaping the World: Service to the impoverished

As a high school student, **Sally Johnson Jackson '75** was drawn to Wesleyan's campus because of its small size and longtime traditions and because her mother, Sarah Elizabeth (Betty) Jones '49, was a Wesleyanne. At Wesleyan, Sally enjoyed Bible studies on campus and opportunities to provide service to others. From the start, Sally wanted to be a missionary and chose to major in early childhood education, graduating in just three years.

Two weeks after graduation, Sally married Kurt Jackson and soon started a family. Ten years later, Kurt went on a mission trip to Guatemala, taking clothes to children in a program run by family friends. The trip was difficult and Kurt told Sally he would not be going back to Guatemala. Later that year, however, Kurt felt called to return and make a life there with his family. On their thirteenth wedding anniversary, June 1, 1987, Kurt, Sally, and their five children, ranging in age from four to eleven, arrived in Antigua, Guatemala, and have lived there for twenty-seven years.

Learning the language came quickly to the Jacksons and soon all seven were working together on ministry projects and in clinics. Today, Sally works with First Steps Outreach Ministries, Inc., a non-profit organization that provides Christ-centered

character development to the children of Central America while working to combat poverty, unrest, and corruption.

"I consider my work to be a calling - an extension of living my life to show the love of Jesus Christ. First Steps teaches children that Christ-like character will give them the right tools to stabilize their individual environments and to live and walk out their Christian lives here on earth," Sally said. "Character is important anywhere."

After living in Guatemala for half a dozen years, Sally and Kurt's oldest child, **Tamalyn Jackson Gutierrez '98**, came to Wesleyan to study international relations. Tamalyn said, "I grew up as a missionary, not as a missionary kid. We (Jackson children) were called to serve and love the people of Guatemala just as much as our parents and were actively engaged in the work throughout our childhoods. My education at Wesleyan, coupled with the amazing journey my parents had taken me on, was preparing me for the next step - being part of the healing and transformation of a nation." Today, Tamalyn actively serves the people of Guatemala through the human development organization Common Hope, which serves more than 11,000 impoverished children and adults in twenty-six communities outside of Antigua and Guatemala City.

"At Common Hope, we have seen that when kids graduate from high school in Guatemala, they can double their chances of earning livable wages. We are also seeing that students who learn to give back, to be compassionate, and to be critical in the choices they make help to build a better Guatemala," Tamalyn said.

Tamalyn and her husband Felipe have three children, all of whom were born in Guatemala. This year, they are homeschooling their oldest son so he can travel with them to the areas where they work. "Our son is learning, just like I did, that service must be a part of our lives for us to be whole people."

Tamalyn's professional accomplishments have been many, but she says that none can compare to the beauty of integrating her children into mission work. "My greatest satisfaction is watching my ten-year-old son carry boxes of teacher incentives for our partner school program, or my four-year-old daughter shake the hand of an elderly man waiting for a clinic visit, or my three-year-old help pack school supplies for the students we serve. They are learning to serve and love by participating with us, just like I did with my mom and dad."



Shaping the World: Arts & culture education

In the seven years since **Ashley Hare '07** graduated from Wesleyan, she has worked as a freelance community-based artist for multiple companies throughout the United States. In collaboration with arts organizations, she has transformed youth programs into places for creative, artistic engagement and personal development for all participants, regardless of ability, ethnicity, or socioeconomic status. Building curricula around the needs of youth and their communities, Ashley has taught the arts in shelters for the homeless, group homes, rehabilitation facilities, juvenile detention centers, and public and private schools.

"Through theatre arts, youth learn how to identify and express emotions. They role-play high risk situations and learn how to collaborate with their peers. I have witnessed youth transform into openly creative, engaging, and communicative members of their communities," Ashley said.

In January of this year, Ashley joined the Phoenix (Arizona) Office of Arts and Culture as arts education director developing programs for the city. Serving as a liaison and spokesperson for arts education, she will be assessing community and school programs and working with various organizations to expand opportunities for citizens to engage in the arts.

Ashley also volunteers as managing director for Rising Youth Theatre (RYT), a newly-formed professional theatre company that places youth alongside professional artists to create original plays relevant to the lives and experiences of young people. Working with family-focused social service organizations, RYT conducts story-sharing events for youth at multiple locations across the metro Phoenix area. Professional playwrights use these true stories to create original scripts.

"We believe that when youth participate in the creative process they become engaged, passionate citizens and their own advocates," Ashley said. "By embodying the company's core values in our community-engaged theatre practice, we intend to make the community we live in a stronger, more caring place."

A Corn Scholar from Columbus, Georgia, Ashley was the first person in her family to attend college. She was an actor in high school and entered Wesleyan with intentions of becoming a professional actor. She says that although she enjoyed acting, it didn't fulfill her completely and she found herself continuously searching for something more. While researching topics for her senior seminar, Ashley came across *Cootie Shots: Theatrical Inoculations Against Bigotry*,

a book of words, skits, songs, and dance that deals with bigotry and other issues. According to the authors, Norma Bowles and Mark E. Rosenthal, "*Cootie Shots* is designed to teach children that they have a choice about the words they use and that they have the power to change the world through their words. This show celebrates diversity by presenting role models of different cultures, ethnicities, classes, genders, disabilities, sexual orientations, religions, ages, and appearance." Ashley staged a performance of the work for Bibb County elementary schools and now says, "Seeing the way that theatre influenced the lives of those young people had me hooked. My senior project defined the rest of my life."

Becoming more involved in the administrative and policy-making side of arts education, Ashley says her new position constantly challenges her to become a leading change-maker for the arts. "When I see one of my kids out of rehab or the shelter who is going to school now or has an apartment or who hasn't been arrested in the past six months, or when one says to me, 'Thanks for listening and letting me tell my story,' those moments always remind me that the work I am doing is making a difference in how kids view themselves and their place in society."



Shaping the World: Behavioral genetics

"We must treat the whole person or sometimes the whole family, not just the isolated behavior."

Valerie Knopik '94, who graduated *summa cum laude* at Wesleyan with a double major in psychology and sociology, is looking for mechanisms that underlie the relationship between prenatal exposures and later outcomes in children and adolescents. "As you might imagine," Valerie says, "smoking during pregnancy is often correlated with... [the] abuse of other substances, partner substance use, depression, anxiety, and level of education. Many of these behaviors, as well as smoking during pregnancy, are genetically influenced. It is important for clinicians and policy makers to understand the 'whole package' rather than focusing only on smoking cessation. We must treat the whole person or sometimes the whole family, not just the isolated behavior."

According to the American Pregnancy Association, in the United States today a combined 1.5 million women smoke cigarettes and drink alcohol while pregnant. It is well documented that substance use during pregnancy is linked to poor birth outcomes and increased risk for behavioral consequences later in life, but researchers are only just beginning to investigate the joint effects of these environmental risk factors and genetics. Valerie's multi-site research effort is attempting to disentangle genetic and environmental factors that might affect a child's predisposition to ADHD, disruptive behavioral problems, and associated learning deficits. She is particularly focused on genes that code for drug metabolizing enzymes. Variability in these genes will affect how efficiently a mother's body metabolizes drugs that she is exposed to during pregnancy and thus how much the fetus is exposed. She is also interested in epigenetic effects. "You can think of the epigenome as cellular material that sits outside of the genome, and these epigenetic marks tell your genes to switch on or off. It may be through these epigenetic marks that environmental factors like diet, stress, and prenatal exposures can change gene expression from one generation to the next and have an impact on later child behavior and learning."

Valerie is currently collecting data from families with two children in which the mother smoked during one pregnancy but not during the other. Involving a total of 280 families, her effort represents the largest dataset of its kind that is purposefully collected.

Valerie is director of the Division of Behavioral Genetics at Rhode Island Hospital and associate professor in the Department of Psychiatry and Human Behavior and the Department of Behavioral and Social Sciences at the Warren Alpert School of Medicine at Brown University. She earned her Ph.D. in Behavioral Genetics from the Institute for Behavioral Genetics at the University of Colorado, Boulder in 2000. Also an adjunct associate professor at Washington University School of Medicine in St. Louis, Valerie serves as associate editor of *Behavior Genetics*, as specialty field chief editor of *Frontiers in Behavioral and Psychiatric Genetics*, and on the editorial board of *Psychological Medicine*. Valerie spends much of her time mentoring three junior faculty, three postdoctoral fellows, and a clinical intern. Recently she received an Outstanding Mentoring award from the Department of Psychiatry and Human Behavior at Brown University.



Shaping the World: Pharmaceuticals

Anne-Kathrin Witt's '07

combined interest in science and business began at an early age when she realized that innovations thrive only if they are commercialized successfully. After completing high school in her native Germany, Anne-Kathrin aspired to study science and economics in the United States. The Georgia Rotary Student Program enabled her to begin that journey with a scholarship for a year's study at Wesleyan College.

At Wesleyan, Anne-Kathrin majored in chemistry and minored in economics, studying advanced micro and macroeconomics, international trade, statistics, calculus, and science. She also completed an internship at the pharmaceutical company Boehringer Ingelheim, where her duties focused on the accreditation process of a pulmonary and cardiovascular drug in Japan. Additional scholarships and fellowships allowed Anne-Kathrin to remain at Wesleyan where she earned her bachelor of arts degree, *summa cum laude*, in three years. In 2008, she completed a master's degree in biochemistry and structural biology, *summa cum laude*, from the Max Planck Institute in Germany and

accepted a consulting position with PricewaterhouseCoopers in Frankfurt. There she advised clients in the pharmaceutical industry, redirecting her focus from research to business.

After earning her MBA at Harvard Business School (2013), Anne-Kathrin joined Teva Pharmaceuticals as associate director within the Central Nervous System (CNS) Division. Her work focuses on CNS strategy and execution in markets outside the United States and European Union. She says, "This position allows me to apply skills, knowledge, and experience to fuel innovations and add value to the products and services essential to the market. I am passionate about commercializing research findings, creating new innovative products, and targeting a global approach in the development of patient-focused therapies."

Contributing to the community has been an integral part of Anne-Kathrin's life since high school. Today she enjoys mentoring young women and shaping the new Inclusion and Diversity Program at Teva Pharmaceuticals as a steering committee member focusing on Women's Leadership Development.



WESLEYAN'S AMAZING FACILITIES TEAM

The Wesleyan College campus often receives compliments from visitors and members of the community, especially for its beautiful setting and well-maintained buildings. Many probably think the college employs scores of workers to care for such a big, charming place, but they would be wrong. At Wesleyan, that task is handled by a dedicated and talented staff of eight – Wesleyan's amazing Facilities Team.

Led by Kelly Bledsoe, director of facilities, the team stays busy with both a large volume and a wide variety of projects. Many of the seventeen major and ten smaller buildings date from the campus's opening in 1928, providing those special challenges that always seem to follow a commitment to historic preservation. The team is undaunted, however, as they have been an integral part of the College's efforts to make the campus more efficient than ever before – helping to lower energy consumption, recycle more, and generate less waste. Their work is often difficult, but they perform their jobs cheerfully and are quick with a smile and a wave. Together, they ensure that the 200-acre campus, including 500,000

square feet of heated space, continues to be a jewel in the community. The efforts of the Facilities Department were recognized when the entire team won the President's Award in 2012.

The responsibilities of the facilities staff range from constructing new buildings to repairing leaky faucets. Their work environment includes damp crawl spaces, tall rooftops, and everything in between, with temperatures from below freezing to over 100 degrees. The obstacles range from fire to ice and from bees to beavers. Someone is on call at all times, especially to take late-night and weekend calls from Campus Police. During the ice storms of January, 2014, Kelly slept in one of the residence halls so she would be on campus in case of fallen trees, power outages, or other damage.

In addition to their daily responsibilities, facilities team members often assist with special projects like these:

- Converting all campus gas lines to Atlanta Gas Light ownership
- Designing and constructing Pierce Chapel
- Relocating and reconstructing the James Hyde Porter House

- Reconstructing a section of the old Physical Plant building following a fire
- Replacing aging trees, nurturing existing landscaping, and maintaining the lake, dam, and streams
- Complying with environmental, fire and safety, zoning, and other regulations
- Maintaining the vehicle fleet
- Supporting the equestrian center, pool, and other athletic facilities
- Maintaining central storage, delivering materials, and overseeing the recycling/conservation programs
- Organizing special work days to involve students, faculty, and staff in sprucing up the campus

Wesleyan's facilities staff takes care of the basic needs of the college's building and grounds, while contractors are engaged for specialties such as dining and custodial services, roofing, heating, air conditioning, plumbing, and other trades. This combination of outsource experts and Wesleyan's skilled facilities team provides a safe, efficient, and attractive environment for students and makes Wesleyan a valued neighbor in the community.

Kelly Bledsoe, Director

This mother of six children and grandmother of three has worked her way up in the organization over the past fifteen years, becoming the Director in 2005. She received the President's Award in 2009 and enjoys traveling and supporting Alabama football in her spare time.

Charles (CP) Pitts, Building Maintenance

Twenty-nine years of experience make CP the go-to guy on facilities issues. He's a big animal lover who has rescued many creatures found on campus, from snakes to feral cats. He remembers helping to coax a horse on the stage of Porter Auditorium to surprise President Ackerman at the conclusion of a major fundraising campaign.

Billy Robinson, Grounds

This family man has been maintaining the grounds at Wesleyan for twenty-seven years. One of his favorite memories is helping rebuild the Dice R. Anderson Cabin.

Troy Lawson, Grounds

An eleven-year veteran, Troy loves being outside and mowing the campus grounds. He enjoys spending time with his children and is always happy when the Wesleyan soccer team has a good season.

William Pointer, Building Maintenance

A versatile worker on campus for more than six years, William likes to tinker with and repair all sorts of things. He especially likes meeting people from all over the world at Wesleyan, as well as traveling with his wife Lori, who is a long-time member of Wesleyan's business office staff.

Jack Callaway, Building Maintenance

Jack has been helping students, employees, and visitors for more than five years. He enjoys spending time with his family, including his daughter who is a rising senior at Wesleyan.

James Fleenor, Painter

In just two years, James has impressed the campus not only with his painting skills but also with his ability to repair almost anything. He likes spending time outdoors with his family.

Sam Gandy, Grounds

The newest member of the facilities team, Sam takes pride in keeping the campus beautiful and safe, especially during the challenging weather we experienced last winter. Outside of the work environment, he enjoys coaching his sons' sports teams.

Benefactors' Day

Reviving a Wesleyan Tradition

On October 15, 2014, Wesleyan College will revive Benefactors' Day, a tradition for much of the College's history and one that President Ruth Knox '75 believes is worthy of revisiting.

"For many years Wesleyan set aside one day each year to celebrate all those who had given to the College. Wesleyan is blessed to have true, faithful, and loyal donors who deserve the gratitude of the entire Wesleyan community. With Phase I of the FAST Forward Campaign coming to a successful close, this fall seems like the perfect time to bring back Benefactors' Day for a new generation. For the many alumnae and friends of the College who give to Wesleyan so that our students can enjoy a first-rate experience, we can never say 'thank you' often enough."

Benefactors' Day was for many years held on May 12, the birthday of George I. Seney, Wesleyan's first great benefactor. A New York banker, son of a Methodist minister, and philanthropist, Seney happened upon a copy of a sermon delivered by Bishop Atticus G. Haygood, the president of Emory College (1875-1884). The sermon inspired Seney to support Southern education by donating a series of gifts to Emory. When Seney asked Haygood to recommend a women's college in the South, Haygood suggested Wesleyan. As a Methodist and the brother of Laura Askew Haygood from the Class of 1865, Haygood was quite familiar with Wesleyan, and in 1881 the College began receiving a series of gifts from Seney that ultimately totaled \$125,000, an enormous sum in that day.

In 1943 Benefactors' Day was changed to October 15, the date in 1836 when the cornerstone was laid for the first building on College Street. (That act was one

of faith and determination since the College was not officially chartered until December 23, 1836.) The new date recognizes that Wesleyan has from its beginning benefitted from the generosity of donors who shared a common interest in quality higher education for women.

According to historical records Benefactors' Day was a school holiday with "poems read and ice cream served on the campus." Later it was a "half-holiday" and finally a convocation with a speaker. Wesleyan has not regularly observed Benefactors' Day since the early 1960s. Plans are to make the new Benefactors' Day a celebration that involves every constituency of the College: alumnae, students, faculty, staff, administration, and community friends.

President Knox envisions the day as an opportunity to educate our students on the importance of philanthropy in the life of the College. "For students who may not even realize that Wesleyan is a non-profit institution, the event could be a real eye-opener. For example, some students may be unaware that tuition covers only slightly more than half the cost of a Wesleyan education. That gap is covered by our generous benefactors, past and present, who have shared our vision and our commitment to be truly 'first for women.' Their gifts provide the scholarships, build the buildings, and make the student experience possible. Whether the gift is \$100,000 for an endowed scholarship or \$10 for our annual fund, we want to celebrate our donors!"

Stay tuned. In the coming weeks and months you will be hearing more about ways you can participate in Benefactors' Day.

5 faces of 2014

Of the ninety-three graduates who earned the bachelor of arts degree at Wesleyan on May 10, 2014, two earned triple majors, 26% earned double majors, and 31% graduated with honors. The top majors for 2014 were business administration, music, accounting, psychology, and biology. According to voluntary surveys completed by most graduating seniors, 100% of those applying to graduate school programs were accepted, almost all to their first choice program. Those attending graduate school will begin master's or doctoral programs in a broad range of disciplines such as forensic science, public health, chemistry, film composition, law, and international relations. They have selected graduate schools that include Carnegie-Mellon University in Pittsburgh, the Graduate Institute of Geneva, Switzerland, the

University of California Los Angeles (UCLA), Aix Marseille Université in Aix-en-Provence, France, Sam Houston State University, and the University of Texas. Nhung Pham will enter the Ph.D. program at Baylor College of Medicine to study molecular and human genetics. Paula Lockhart will be pursuing her MFA in theatre at the University of Louisville. Aakriti Kharel will study chemical engineering through the Polymer Science Ph.D. Program at the University of Minnesota. Lacy Ball will attend Mercer University's physician assistant program. Nihit Pokhrel will be pursuing a Ph.D. in physical chemistry at the University of Washington in Seattle, and Elly Tilk will be working toward her Master of Divinity at Duke University.

Among those entering the workforce is ShaCarol Sims who caught a flight

to Shanghai, China, only a few hours after Commencement. She will spend a month teaching English arts to children at the Soong Ching Ling School before heading to Korea to teach English to children there for ten months. Others with firm plans for their careers include Hilary Moore, already employed by Geotechnical and Environmental Consultants, Inc. in Macon; Beth Hurst and ReChele Lee, who have relocated to Germany to serve as au pairs for ten months; and Rachel Regan, who will work at the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society of Savannah. As always, Wesleyan's rigorous academic program combined with our foundation of faith and commitment to service produces graduates with solid leadership skills and the determination to pursue more purposeful lives. Meet the Five Faces representing the Class of 2014...



Beth HURST

Beth made her first visit to Wesleyan's campus on a whim. She was passing by on her way to Florida and remembered being interested in mail she had received from the Office of Admission, so she decided to stop and have a look around.

"I fell in love with the beautiful campus immediately, and when I learned about Wesleyan's equestrian and music programs, I was sold! Wesleyan just felt right."

Beth competed with the equestrian team all four years at Wesleyan, serving as team captain her junior and senior years and as Equestrian Club treasurer. A Wesleyan Disciple, Beth was music chair her sophomore and junior years and performed with the Wesleyannes, Concert Choir, and Washboard Band. She was involved with STUNT and served as Lead

WAVE member, Orientation Leader, and Summer Conference Assistant.

The recipient of several prestigious scholarships, including Marian and Paul Anderson, Wesleyan Merit, and Hannah L. Allen, Beth earned her place on the President's and Provost's Lists, was named Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges and received the Equestrian Team Coach's Award. As a music major, Beth enjoyed tutoring students at the Georgia Academy for the Blind. At Honors Day in April, Beth was presented the Doris O. Jelks Prize for Honors in an Academic Discipline, Fine Arts Division.

Having a keen interest in the dynamics of a globalized society, Beth minored in communication with intent to work in the field of intercultural communication

and eventually become a professor. Beth's first step in this direction is to spend a year after graduation as an au pair in Germany, to become fluent in a second language and gain experience living outside the United States. "I am so excited to be working with a family that is musical. Both parents are musicians, the mother is a music professor, and the family attends concerts regularly. Not only do I get this awesome opportunity to experience Germany, but I will be able to continue developing as a musician, which is something that I hope to do my whole life."

Beth has been accepted at her first and second choice graduate programs and will enter the University of Tennessee's communication and information doctoral program in the fall of 2015.



Ashlee DAY

Growing up in Snellville, Georgia, philosophy major Ashlee was a great admirer of Martin Luther King Jr., Mother Teresa, and Gandhi. Today her list has grown to include leaders like President and First Lady Obama and Malala Yousafzai. Inspired to forge her own unique path in the world, Ashlee plans to combine the leadership skills she learned at Wesleyan with her passion for education to advocate for others and teach them to advocate for themselves. "I like to tell people my number one hobby is learning," Ashlee stated, "but I don't want to use what I have learned just to improve my personal life. Education can revolutionize the world, open minds, and be a tool for community building. I have a lot of high-minded ideals. I want equality and justice for all!"


In high school, Ashlee watched her sister Faithe '13 flourish at Wesleyan and

liked the opportunities a small liberal arts college could offer. "I saw a chance to become a better leader, student, and person. I knew Wesleyan was the place for me."

As the recipient of two prestigious scholarships, Findlay and Lettie Pate Whitehead, Ashlee has indeed made the most of her Wesleyan experience. Her name has regularly appeared on the President's and Provost's Lists. She is a member of Alpha Lambda Delta, Pi Gamma Mu, and Phi Kappa Phi honor societies, and won the Philosophy Department Award for Outstanding Achievement. Her campus activities included Black Student Alliance, Mortar Board, and the Council for Judicial Affairs for four years, serving as chancellor her senior year. She was selected as Head Junior Marshal and SGA Senator and participated in Summer Leadership

Institute 2013, Wow! A Day for Macon, class soccer, and STUNT. She also was a Writing Center tutor, a staff writer for *Wesleyan Word*, and listed in *Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges*. Ashlee received Honors in an Academic Discipline for both Philosophy and The Writing Center and was voted Wesleyan Woman of Success.

Ashlee said that Wesleyan challenged her to become more adventurous, to expand her horizons, and to establish herself as a leader, but her deepest passions have not changed. She still intends to pursue a career in education either as a college professor or by working for an organization that supports education. After graduation Ashlee will dedicate a year to Americorps Corporation for National and Community Service.



RachelREGAN

Rachel was a sophomore at another Georgia college when she realized her passion for feminism and the discipline of women's studies was calling her to transfer to a women's college. Being the first college in the world chartered to grant degrees to women, Wesleyan was an easy choice for Rachel, so in the spring of 2012 she joined her Purple Knight class. "What I find to be unique about the Wesleyan experience is the sisterhood and lifelong friendships I have made," she said. "I found an immediate connection with the Wesleyan community that I was missing at the larger, co-ed college."

The recipient of a Leadership Award and a Merit Scholarship, Rachel double majored in women's studies and communication and served as a student tutor in both subjects. Rachel and other women's studies students felt the need to create a peaceful dialogue with peers about feminist issues and beliefs, so last summer they founded ACT, the feminist ACTivist Movement. The group's goals include reaching out to and answering questions from peers, dispelling stereotypes of what a feminist is, and ultimately celebrate diversity on campus and throughout the community.

Rachel earned a place on the Provost's List, received Honors in an Academic Discipline for both Communication and Women's Studies, served as editor-in-chief for the ACTivist Zine, was executive committee chair for STUNT, held a public relations position with GLBAL, and was an orientation leader for two years. She also worked as a summer conference assistant and participated in Summer Leadership Institute 2013 in South Dakota. "It was an honor to be chosen to go on the SLI trip and be part of a very accomplished and intelligent group of women that I am lucky to call my sisters. This great opportunity allowed me to do things I would never have imagined myself accomplishing like hiking to the top of a mountain peak, exploring mile-long caves, and studying fossils."

Last summer, Rachel enjoyed a marketing internship at *Skirt!* magazine in Savannah and has the goal of owning a publication that promotes feminism and the female experience. Following graduation, Rachel will begin her career at the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society of Savannah working on major campaigns, including Man & Woman of the Year.



Jennifer EADIE

Jennifer grew up in Sylvester, Georgia, where the population hovers at around 6,000 people. For a small town, the high school is fairly large, but even so, says Jennifer, everyone knows everyone. Used to the comfort of a close community, Jennifer was disappointed when she visited a college fair her senior year of high school and realized that the recruiters from the colleges she had visited and applied to did not remember her.

"I was bummed and on my way out the door and then someone shouted, 'Jennifer Eadie?!' I swung around and bam! It was the Wesleyan table! The admissions counselor had remembered me from my visit four months before. That's when I knew Wesleyan was the college for me. I knew it was right when they treated me like an individual and not another number."

Jennifer believes that Wesleyan's small campus and the concept of sisterhood enhanced her college experience. "I came to Wesleyan with

very conservative thoughts and I was a little underexposed to the world. Wesleyan broadened my mind and I have grown stronger as a leader and more independent as a woman."

Jennifer participated in mission trips to Fruitland Park, Florida; Nassau, Bahamas; New Orleans, Louisiana; and Montego Bay, Jamaica. After an internship at Andersonville National Historic Site in southwest Georgia, she produced "Andersonville Prison During the Atlanta and Savannah Campaigns: A Documentary" which she presented at the Florida Conference of Historians and also for Scholarship Day in April.

Awarded the prestigious Pierce Scholarship, Jennifer also received Wesleyan Merit, Theatre, and Wesleyan Disciples scholarships, and the Louise Fredrick Hays Endowed Scholarship. She earned a place on the President's and Provost's Lists and was named to Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges. Jennifer served

as a Wesleyan Disciple, a Junior Marshal, an Academic Center Tutor, and WAVE's 2012 Hometown Ambassador. A member of Psi Chi Honor Society, Jennifer received Honors in an Academic Discipline, History Division, served on STUNT committees, as vice president of Wesley Foundation, attended Summer Leadership Institute 2013, and co-founded the Wesleyan Spirit Squad.

Jennifer is the first woman and only the second person in her family to attend college. In June the Huffington Post will feature an article about Jennifer and her views on attending a women's college. She plans to earn her master's and Ph.D. degrees and eventually teach history. For the next year, however, Jennifer will travel throughout the United States and Canada as a spokesperson and ambassador for the Georgia Watermelon Association, fulfilling a year-long public relations internship.

A portrait of a young woman with long dark hair, smiling and holding a black Canon camera. She is wearing a dark cardigan over a green top and a red necklace. The background is a large, colorful world map. The text 'Diep NGUYEN' is overlaid on the left side of the image.

Diep NGUYEN

The first person in her family to pursue an education abroad, Diep came to Wesleyan from Hanoi, Vietnam. She did not have the chance to visit Wesleyan before she arrived as a first year student, but after a few days of lectures and joining in campus activities, she knew she had made the right choice.

In 2009, Diep attended a year of high school at Porter-Gaud School in Charleston, South Carolina, under the ASSIST (American Secondary Schools for International Students and Teachers) scholarship. Each year, thousands of Vietnamese high school students compete nationally for an ASSIST scholarship, which is usually awarded to only five or six students. At Wesleyan, Diep received an International Scholarship, majoring in international relations and minoring in

earned Honors in an Academic Discipline, International Relations Division. Diep was the recipient of the Louise Dunaway Burt Photography Award in 2011, a member of AXIS (serving as historian and vice president), STUNT, the debate team, and Splinters. She was editor of Wesleyan Word her senior year and served as a staff writer and photographer for three years, was a work study student for the Center for Creative and Performing Arts, and she also interned with Knight Frank Vietnam, Ltd. as a marketing assistant and with Vietnam Television – Department of Foreign Affairs as part of the editorial staff for political and business news.

Each year, the Irish-American Scholars Program allows Wesleyan College to nominate up to three students to compete nationally for a direct

materials submitted by each applicant and makes its decisions for placements. In the spring of 2013 Diep attended Queen's University, Belfast, one of the leading public research universities in the United Kingdom.

This summer, Diep will return to Vietnam to begin her fifth year with the non-profit organization Educational Programs for Vietnamese Students, where she will supervise English leadership summer camps for underprivileged children. She also hopes to find an internship in journalism or at the Department of International Cooperation.

Diep has been accepted to her first choice graduate program at The Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies in Geneva, Switzerland, where she will continue her



Transition happens

"Embrace every ending as you do each beginning."

- Mary McDonough

After congratulating Wesleyan's ninety-three 2014 graduates and their families, Commencement speaker Mary McDonough called on the young women wearing regal caps and gowns to reflect upon their accomplishments over the last four years. "On your transition from here, you will carry these accomplishments forward in everything you do - from casual conversations to job interviews and from resumé to career applications. You will forever be a Purple Knight. No one can ever take that away."

McDonough told the audience that part of the preparation for her speech included reflecting on the graduation ceremonies she has attended over the years, where she often heard that the event was "not an ending, but a beginning." To the women gathered in Porter Auditorium she argued that commencement is in fact, "an ending, a finale, a curtain coming down, a culmination, a completion." It's a finish line, she said, that is just one in a long line of many. "I encourage you to stop the clock right now and take in all that is here in this ending,

this final moment. Look at who is around you, really feel how you feel, and think about what matters to you at this moment.... How are you leaving here? What are you taking away? Whatever the path was for you, embrace it now without judgment.... Celebrate with gratitude."

As she spoke about transitions, McDonough also included stories from her own life as a Hollywood child star and beyond. From 1972 - 1982, she portrayed Erin, the sensitive middle daughter, on the hit television series *The Waltons*. Continuing her acting career into adulthood, McDonough has appeared in numerous series including *ER*, *Picket Fences*, *Will and Grace*, *Boston Legal*, and *The New Adventures of Old Christine*. She has served as a special correspondent for *Entertainment Tonight*, hosted programs for *The Travel Channel* and *The Family Channel*, and published a book entitled *Lessons from the Mountain, What I Learned from Erin Walton*.

Perhaps as a result of the many years she spent navigating her

place in a difficult and highly visible industry, McDonough followed her desire to reach out to others and became a life coach. Now she works one-on-one with individuals helping them to deal with and overcome the anxiety associated with career transition, life balance, communication, and health. She is also a seasoned public speaker for businesses and organizations of all sizes and is an outspoken activist who has spent fifteen years lobbying Congress on behalf of women's health.

"I have transitioned in my career and life many times. We all reinvent ourselves throughout life. There are planned and unplanned transitions. Some you see coming and some just land in your lap as complete surprises. It's how you choose to look at and deal with them that makes all the difference.... Trust who you are as a woman. Own being female. Find the thing that excites you and gives you energy, then follow it.... You get to decide how you will handle your life's transitions. What will you choose your legacy to be?"



Jack and Stu

Wesleyan woman on the move

In May of 2010, nontraditional student Rachel Watts Phillips graduated from Wesleyan with a degree in business. Later that summer, she opened Jack and Darcy, now a popular clothing boutique for women and men, in Milledgeville, Georgia. In its first year, Jack and Darcy was voted Best Clothing Boutique of Milledgeville and Baldwin County (*The Union Recorder's* 8th Annual Reader's Choice Awards). In 2013, Rachel and her co-owner father John Watts opened a second location on Ingleside Avenue in Macon. In addition to the two stores, Jack and Darcy maintains a strong social media presence and has a following of customers from across the country and around the world.

Rachel began her college education in 2001 at Georgia College & State University (GCSU) intending to earn a degree in accounting. A visit to The Art Institute of Atlanta however, altered Phillips' plans. She became interested in the art of cake decorating, withdrew from GCSU, took a few courses at The Art Institute, and moved back to Macon with the intent of opening a bakery. A newlywed by then, she also took a job with the real estate development company

Madison Poss and Associates to help make ends meet.

Eventually, Phillips became disenchanted with the cake decorating business. "I was all over the place," she said. "I hadn't found my niche yet, so I enrolled in night classes at Wesleyan hoping I would discover a career path I wanted to follow." Phillips appreciated the accommodating schedule Wesleyan offered nontraditional students. She enjoyed learning about the business world, time commitment, organization, giving back, and establishing healthy relationships in business and in the community. Phillips says, "I learned just how important a strong relationship with the community is. I have been very lucky to have not only my family and friends nearby to encourage me, but also the residents and business communities in Macon and Milledgeville." In May, Jack and Darcy was featured in *Southern Living* magazine's Travel + Culture Where to Shop section.

According to Phillips, finding a school that accommodated her nontraditional schedule was refreshing. She found Wesleyan to be a safe, affordable, and satisfying

solution for her needs, and even though she didn't live on campus, she now considers Wesleyan a home away from home. "The faculty at Wesleyan want you to be on campus. They want students to establish relationships that extend beyond college. They push you, and they want to help you. You won't find this at just any college."

Known for its service-oriented curriculum, Wesleyan taught Rachel the importance of giving back. One of her favorite ways that Wesleyan gives back is the Wesleyan Market, where her mother, artist Dale McDaniel Watts, is a regular vendor. Rachel is quick to involve Jack and Darcy in events and fundraisers hosted by local organizations like Children's Miracle Network, Ronald McDonald House, the Junior League of Macon, and causes that fight for the prevention of child abuse. "I've always loved interacting with people. Wesleyan helped me find my own personal strengths and taught me how to apply them in a way that encouraged me to better myself and help others along the way."

Thanks to Ruth Watts for contributing to this story.

Reflections from a Working Spring Break

While the term spring break often conjures images of ocean waves, sandy beaches, and parties on the boardwalk, five of Wesleyan's Math/Science Student Preparation and Retention Collaborative (SPARC) scholars spent their spring break in March shadowing Wesleyan alumnae mentors exploring high energy laboratories, research departments, and medical clinics.

In 2011, Dr. Holly Boettger-Tong, Wesleyan professor of biology and chair of the Biology Department, prepared and received a grant from the National Science Foundation (NSF) to fund Wesleyan's SPARC scholars program. The program provides scholarships to high-achieving students with financial needs who pursue an undergraduate degree in biology, chemistry, mathematics, or neuroscience at Wesleyan. The grant also provides innovative programming to help the students explore and achieve their academic and career goals. Having already experienced Dr. Boettger-Tong's Spatial Reasoning Boot Camp last summer, these third-year students were prepared for her newest initiative: Spring Break Exploratories. Working with the Alumnae Office, Dr. Boettger-Tong matched five SPARC scholars with young Wesleyan alumnae mentors based on their common professional interests. For nearly a week these students shadowed their alumnae mentors in order to gain experience and an understanding of the career or post-educational paths they hope to pursue.

The consensus of the scholars and mentors alike was that the Spring Break Exploratories were a success.

Shakarr Wiggins shadowed Nur-Taz Rahman, Class of 2010, a research-focused graduate student at Yale University's Stem Cell Center. In addition to observing and learning about Nur's experiments from cell culture to computer programming, Shakarr micro-shadowed other graduate and post-graduate students who were conducting experiments in various stages. She particularly enjoyed the variety of her lab experiences. Each day Shakarr attended research presentations hosted by either the Stem Cell or the Cell Biology/Genetics graduate program. By the end of the week, she had heard presentations from a graduate student, a guest researcher at

Yale, a post-graduate student, and a guest speaker from Harvard. Her lunch-and-learn encounters with students from Nur's lab allowed Shakarr to ask questions and receive answers, encouragement, and assurances that graduate school is a realistic goal. In turn, Nur was delighted to host Shakarr whom she described as an inquisitive, intelligent, and promising young woman. Even Nur's fellow graduate students were eager to participate in Shakarr's exploratory. Lab Director Dr. Diane Krause has invited her to return to Yale during future breaks for more hands-on lab experience.

In a very different venture, Jessica Suarez shadowed Anna Cornelious, Class of 2004, an environmental engineer for the Water Quality Division of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) in Atlanta. An aspiring engineer, Jessica learned that while engineers apply science and math concepts on a daily basis, they also use their marketing, accounting, writing, and communication skills. While talking to engineers in each branch of the EPA, Jessica learned about future challenges they could encounter and also about the importance of versatility. Anna hopes the information that she and her colleagues at the EPA shared during Jessica's visit will help steer her in a direction where she will flourish.

Chelsea Widener traveled to Houston, Texas, to the M. D. Anderson Cancer Center where she shadowed postdoctoral researcher Dr. Abena Redwood, Class of 2006. Chelsea observed research conducted on cell cultures and mice; met people from professions including medicine, biology, chemistry, and statistics; and sat in on a collaborative meeting between hospital doctors and researchers. Chelsea explored career opportunities in research, industry, chemistry, mathematics, while weighing the pros and cons of earning a master's degree or going straight into a Ph.D. program. Finding the spring break exploratory extremely helpful and informative, she is now considering pursuing statistics after she graduates from Wesleyan. Abena found Chelsea's enthusiasm refreshing and stimulating and believes Chelsea has a bright future.

Also from the Class of 2006, Dr. Uschi Auguste hosted SPARC scholar Cecelia

Flores. A physician at the Mount Sinai School of Medicine in New York, Uschi enjoyed having Cecelia shadow her on rounds as she completed her rotation in outpatient care. Cecelia observed Uschi working with a variety of patients and varying her approach in order to maximize her time with each one. Cecelia quickly saw that patient interaction is the foundation for a swift and accurate diagnosis and plan of treatment and that establishing trust between doctor and patient is paramount. The shadowing experience reaffirmed Cecelia's desire to enter the field of medicine.

Interested in a career in public health, Tashé Jones shadowed Paula Kamara, Class of 2013, a graduate student at Mercer University's School of Public Health. Tashé and Paula discussed public health, Mercer's academic programs, and Paula's most recent project of administering and collecting surveys on hunger throughout the community. Tashé also attended classes with Paula.

Jessica Suarez summed up the overall Spring Break Exploratory when she said, "It's a great way to network and explore possible employment, internships, and graduate program opportunities, and hopefully discover the path you want to take in your field."

Alumnae mentors echoed Jessica's sentiments. Dr. Abena Redwood said, "The idea behind the program is excellent - who better to give feedback on career paths than the people who are currently navigating them?"

Dr. Boettger-Tong, the creator of these Spring Break Exploratories, stated that success of the SPARC initiative is achieved through integrated academic support; faculty, peer, and alumnae mentoring; novel summer academic boot camps; and early engagement in undergraduate research. As a result of these programs, she anticipates that ninety percent of SPARC graduates will pursue advanced study or employment in science, math, or engineering fields.

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Chelsea Widener and Martha Cecilia Flores

A life-changing opportunity

During her first-year orientation, Munroe Scholar Grace Morse '16 listened intently while Provost Vivian Fowler told students that Wesleyan alumnae are a wonderful source for internships, career connections, and mentoring. A biology and neuroscience major, Grace plans to pursue a career in medicine, specifically as a surgeon. During her first semester, Grace read a story in the *Wesleyan Magazine* (Summer 2012) about surgeon Gay Garrett '87 and remembered Dr. Fowler's words. Grace reached out to the Alumnae Office which connected the two, and so their story begins.

Gay recalls the first email she received from Grace, saying she was impressed with Grace's initiative and desire to learn more about her possible career choice. As a student at Wesleyan, Gay had interned twenty hours a week in the Emergency Room at Macon's Coliseum Medical Center. She had planned to pursue a career in plastic surgery, but the internship coupled with her rotations in medical school led her down a different path. Based on her own experiences as a student, Gay recognized the value of internships and appreciated Grace's interest. After numerous emails and a few telephone conversations, Gay invited Grace to intern with her practice, Foxhall Surgical Associates in Washington, D.C., during spring break.

The hospital required preliminary work in order for Grace to be approved for the internship. Gay said, "It was up to Grace to complete the applications, submit the paperwork, and instigate the process with the hospital, which was good experience

for her." Upon her arrival in Washington, Grace was still in baggage claim at the airport when Gay called to tell her they were headed immediately into surgery. Grace remarked, "Within the hour after my flight landed I was in surgery.

our teams train the local physicians to perform complex procedures. Thus, we make a sustainable difference in these impoverished cities." Gay offered to take Grace to Bolivia for a week as part of the Solidarity Bridge team. "I

"There was a real connection between Gay and Robin. In conducting pre-op interviews with patients, Robin could anticipate Gay's next question. It was remarkable to watch them in action and to see that their Wesleyan



Grace Morse, Robin Wood, and Gay Garrett

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What a great way to start spring break!" During the week, Grace observed Gay perform numerous surgeries, watched doctor-patient communications, and learned a little about the nature of the hospital environment.

The spring break internship was successful and led to another life-changing opportunity for Grace. Gay said, "I volunteer with Solidarity Bridge at least once a year. The organization provides surgical procedures and medical supplies to people in need, and

thought it would be good for Grace to have some exposure to a different kind of medical experience," she said.

Upon her return to campus in February, Grace could barely contain her excitement about the week in Bolivia. "I observed many different surgical procedures, which was an invaluable experience, and I went on house calls with the social worker." She also witnessed the bonds of Wesleyan sisterhood between Gay and Robin Wood '87, who served as the team's translator during the trip.

friendship had lasted through the decades."

The experience was also rewarding for Gay, who says she would encourage other alumnae to offer internships to students. "Internships give students a meaningful experience outside of the classroom," said Gay, "plus it's fun!" Grace's experiences with Gay have solidified her intention to pursue medicine as a profession. "I am so thankful to Gay. The experiences and opportunities she has given me are a great gift."

Why I Give

DR. WILLIAM BAIRD

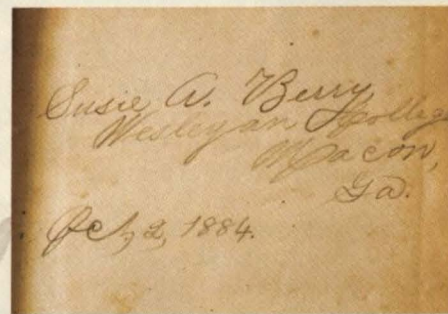
McKellar . . . McCrory . . . Baird . . . each name is woven into Wesleyan College's rich historical tapestry. Now, thanks to Dr. William E. Baird, retired professor of physics at Oxford College, Emory University, his family's exceptional collection of artifacts, writings, books, and personal effects constitute a prominent part of Wesleyan's archives in Willet Library. Along with the personal effects of his mother's family that he has given to Wesleyan, Dr. Baird has also created The Addie Marie McKellar Baird Endowed Archival Preservation Fund honoring his mother's memory so that Wesleyan will have the resources to preserve and protect his family's historical treasures.

Family artifacts Dr. Baird recently presented to Wesleyan include poems and research papers written by his mother, Addie Marie McKellar Baird '39, when she was a student, piano and vocal music, and a CD made from records of her singing during the early 1940's. Her master's diploma from Mercer, her DAR insignia, and some of her charcoal sketches are also part of this collection.

Addie Marie's father, Professor I.E. McKellar, taught Latin and Greek at Wesleyan and his instructional books, as well as his poetry, are now part of Wesleyan's archives. From Addie Marie's mother, Anna Belle McCrory McKellar, Wesleyan Class of 1910, there is silver flatware given for their 1910 wedding and several pieces of brilliant cut glass. Piano music and her Wesleyan trigonometry textbook enhance the McKellar portion of the set.

Addie Marie's maternal grandmother, Susie Adele Berry McCrory, received her AB degree in 1882 from Wesleyan. Dr. Baird donated an 1882 edition (in French) of *Corinne*, personally inscribed by its author, Madame de Stael. Four crystal salt cellars from her dinner table in Ellaville, Georgia, and a silver napkin ring complete Mrs. McCrory's collection.

From Ella Columbia Hand McKellar, Addie Marie's paternal grandmother, is a



burgundy leather-bound volume of *The Poems of Sidney Lanier*. The poet gave an address and also played the flute at her 1869 graduation from Furlow Masonic Female College in Americus, Georgia.

Dr. Baird expressed his personal confidence in Wesleyan's archival program and plans to entrust additional

documents and treasures to the College for preservation. Moreover, Dr. Baird has pledged his personal commitment to Wesleyan by joining The Society for the Twenty-first Century, thereby leaving his own legacy to the College as part of this remarkable family.



The World is a Classroom for Pat Hardeman

Pat Hardeman has been an inspiration to Wesleyan students, faculty, and staff since she began her career at the College just six years after graduating with the Class of 1968. She earned her Master of Science degree from Georgia College and State University in 1974 and returned to Wesleyan that fall as an instructor of biology. As associate dean and registrar for the College since 1988, Pat has chaired and served on dozens of committees and councils including admission, curriculum, strategic planning, accreditation, and many others.

Pat's teaching has always reflected her belief that biology cannot be taught in the classroom alone. An inquisitive biologist in a field dominated by men, Pat organized and taught field components for biology courses offered as mini-terms at Wesleyan in the 1970s and 1980s. She led students around the globe on scientific expeditions to what she calls "living museums" in Kenya, East Africa, the Galapagos Islands, and the Amazon rainforest. She has lectured among the giant sequoias of California, in the deserts of Arizona, Utah, and Southern California, and on the rim of the Grand Canyon. Indeed, the world is the classroom for Pat, who has spent her vacations in exotic destinations to experience firsthand various biotic communities from ocean depths of 100 feet in the Caribbean to altitudes of 8,000 feet above sea level in Machu Picchu, the 15th century lost city of the Incas.

Wesleyan Professor of Biology Wanda Schroeder '80 has known Pat for thirty-eight years as a role model, instructor, fellow traveler, colleague, and friend and considers traveling with Pat to the animal preserves of Kenya during the summer of her sophomore year one of the highlights of her college career. "When I was a student at Wesleyan, I took the majority of my biology courses from Pat. She was a great role model for her students. Her influence is one of the reasons I decided

to return to Wesleyan as a biology professor. I have never known a Wesleyan College without Pat's presence and influence. I will miss her."

In 1981, Pat was selected from among a number of national applicants to participate in the Cousteau Society's Project Ocean Search, a study led by the society's chief marine biologist, Dr. Richard Murphy of the University of Southern California, and Jean-Michel Cousteau. The focus of the study, conducted in the United States Virgin Islands, was coral reef productivity and nutrient dynamics. Though Pat is a certified international open water SCUBA diver, her duties on this expedition involved water sampling and water chemistry. In 1984 she was research participant for a longitudinal study of speciation between two species of baboons (*Papio anubis* and *Papio hamadryas*) in the hybrid zone of the Awash River Valley in Ethiopia. The team trapped and tranquilized wild baboons and took fingerprints, dental molds, and fecal samples for follow up research at Washington University in St. Louis, Missouri.

Hilary Kight, emerita professor of mathematics at Wesleyan, has known Pat since they were in high school. "As a professor of biology Pat held all of her students to her own high standards of excellence and provided wonderful opportunities through internships and travel to interesting and exotic destinations, always with the goal of furthering their interest in and knowledge of the field of biology. I join with the entire faculty, staff, alumnae, and students in congratulating Pat on her retirement."

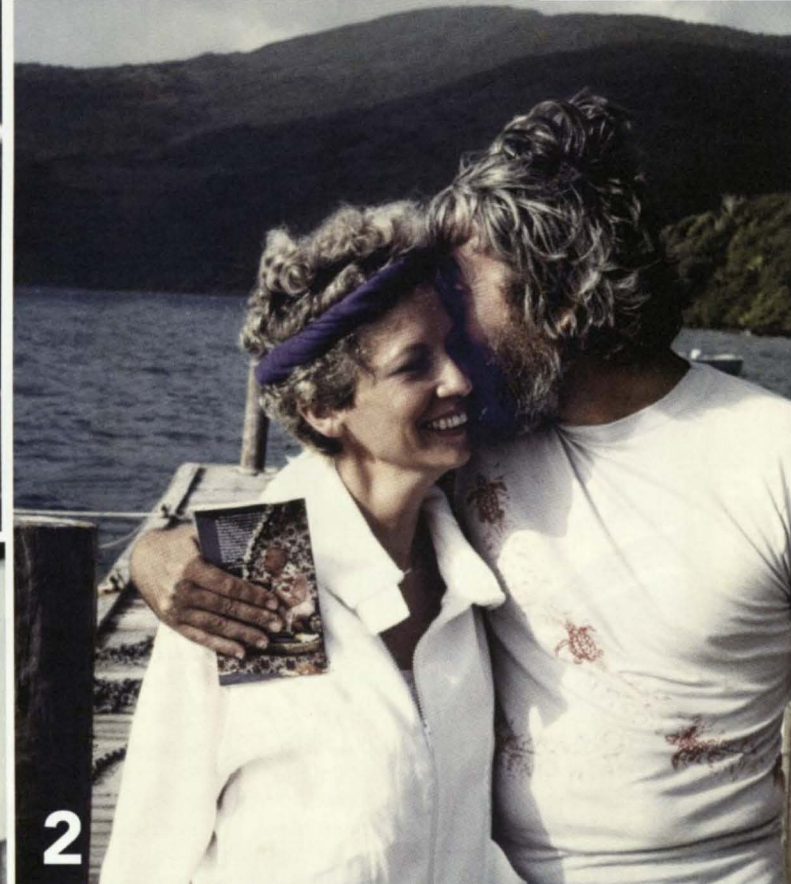
For the past thirteen years Pat has served as Wesleyan's accreditation liaison for the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges (SACSCOC) and has served as a peer

evaluator for various SACSCOC review committees. In 2009, the University of the Andes invited Pat and Provost Vivia Fowler to Bogota, Colombia, as consultants in preparation for their SACSCOC accreditation. Pat also played a role in exploring and developing a Memorandum of Understanding between Wesleyan College and the South China Normal University, Guangzhou, China, and with Wuhan University, Wuhan, People's Republic of China; establishing the Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) for the College; and serving on Governor Nathan Deal's committee to develop and write a State of Georgia Transfer Articulation Agreement between the technical college system of Georgia and the Georgia Independent Colleges Association.

Dr. Fowler said, "Pat Hardeman loves Wesleyan College. As our registrar and unofficial resident historian, her love is evident in the care she gives to preserving the records of the institution and many of the stories from the past. As our accreditation liaison, her love is evident in her efforts to uphold the standards of accreditation, preserving Wesleyan's place in women's higher education as 'the oldest and best.'"

During commencement ceremonies in May the College bestowed upon Pat the honor of Professor of Biology and Registrar Emerita.

Among the Wesleyan community, Pat is famous for her historical presentations on the history of the College, *Tales from the Vault*. Her cousin, Ascher Ann Elizabeth Hardeman, was a member of the first graduating class at Wesleyan Female College in 1840. Pat has been a collector of stories for many years and is considering writing a book in her retirement -- but not right away. First, she has some traveling to do....already has the ticket!



GONE WITH THE WIND

Premiere with the Wesleyanne hostesses

December 15, 2014, will mark the 75th anniversary of the world premiere of the movie *Gone With the Wind* at Loew's Grand Theatre in Atlanta. The three-day extravaganza brought an estimated one million people to Atlanta, and Georgia Governor Eurith Rivers declared December 15, 1939, a state holiday. Few remain who remember this unparalleled star-studded celebration, and even fewer remember the role that Wesleyan College played in the event.

As soon as news broke that famed movie producer David O. Selznick had purchased the screen rights to Margaret Mitchell's Pulitzer Prize winning novel, a group of Wesleyan alumnae, led by Irene Sewell Hobby '22 and Louise Davis Davison '09, began working on a plan to ensure that Wesleyan College had a presence at the premiere. The 1940 Wesleyan alumnae magazine tells the story of Irene and Louise sitting for an entire day in the office of Mr. Coleman, the southern manager of Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer (MGM), the studio that would be filming the movie. Mr. Coleman tried first to ignore, then rebuff, and finally hide from the tenacious two. When they reappeared at his office the very next day, he consented to a visit, apparently recognizing that he had met his match, and the pair came away from that meeting with assurances that Wesleyan would indeed have a role in the premiere.

Over the following months, dozens of Wesleyan alumnae worked to determine what that role would be. According to the magazine article, "if the Atlanta alumnae could have had their way, Wesleyan would have been the main feature of the premiere and not Clark Gable or Vivien Leigh, or even Margaret Mitchell herself." They were convinced that Wesleyan's unique history

and her successful struggle for existence during the Civil War earned the College a special place in the celebration. Wesleyan's alumnae representatives continued to promote their cause to everyone who would listen and ultimately won out over more than eighty clubs and organizations for the privilege of serving as hostesses for the premiere. Along the way, they overheard remarks by one of the MGM executives who referred to them as "the ramrods of Atlanta," which they felt sure was meant as a compliment."

By the time the great occasion arrived, Wesleyan alumnae had secured an invitation to have two automobiles occupied by national and local officers of the Wesleyan College Alumnae Association in the grand parade. It is said that three hundred thousand residents and visitors to Atlanta lined the streets for up to seven miles on December 14, 1939, to watch a procession of limousines bring the stars from the airport.

Perhaps one key reason Wesleyan prevailed was the support of Susan Myrick, a reporter with the *Macon Telegraph* who, at the behest of her friend Margaret Mitchell, had served as technical director for the film and had close ties to Wesleyan. Myrick was the daughter of Thulia Whitehurst Myrick, Class of 1876, and the granddaughter of Elizabeth Dowdell Myrick, Class of 1842. Myrick's aunt, Mary Myrick Daniel, Class of 1853, was one of the founders of the Philomathean Society, later Phi Mu sorority.

Most of the thirty young women who served as hostesses for the premiere were Wesleyan students who had been recruited on campus, along with a few young alumnae, and most lived in the Atlanta area. The hostesses were attired in antebellum

costumes rented especially for the evening and stood in the entranceway of Loew's Grand Theatre to welcome the guests. Almost 75 years later, Marjorie Potts Durden '40 still recalls wearing the beautiful yellow off-the-shoulder gown with row upon row of ruffles over a hoop skirt. Bettye Withers Barnes '42 remembers the cold! While stars like Vivien Leigh and Olivia de Havilland arrived draped in evening wraps and furs, the Wesleyan hostesses in their antebellum costumes had no such warm garments. Bettye also remembers the friendliness of actress Claudette Colbert who engaged her in conversation. President Ruth Austin Knox '75 recalls hearing her mother Ruth Hall Knox '40 and her aunt Mary Hall Hearin '43 tell about their experiences as hostesses. Her mother's duties that night included handing programs to guests as they entered the theater. She was thrilled to put programs into the hands of Clark Gable and his wife, the actress Carole Lombard, whose beauty and elegance made a lasting impression on the young Wesleyanne.

Gone With the Wind won ten of the thirteen Academy Awards for which it was nominated, setting records for the total number of wins and nominations at the time. Adjusted for inflation it is still the most successful film in box-office history. Bettye Barnes no doubt speaks for all those who were part of that magical evening when movie history and Wesleyan history intersected, "We were so excited to be part of the premiere and to meet our movie idols, and we were so very proud to represent Wesleyan."

*Special thanks to Mercer University Press for sharing photographs from the book *Gone with the Wind: The 3 day Premier in Atlanta* by Herb Bridges*

Of the four ladies in antebellum dresses, Marjorie Potts Durden '40 is on the far left.



AIMING FOR THE GOAL

An Update on Wesleyan's FAST Forward Campaign

Five years ago, despite economic uncertainty, Wesleyan's Board of Trustees launched the \$31,000,000 FAST Forward campaign - a comprehensive fundraising effort designed to touch every aspect of the Wesleyan experience. Facilities, Annual Fund, Scholarships, and Teaching - all are essential for enriching our academic and student life programs and for inspiring today's women to become leaders in their professions, communities, and churches.

Fortunately, Wesleyan's alumnae, friends, and supporters have responded generously, contributing more than \$30,500,000 toward the goals of the FAST Forward Campaign through mid-May. With less than \$500,000 needed to reach the overall campaign target, the College is focused on securing the remaining funds by the end of the current fiscal year on June 30.

FACILITIES

The FAST Forward campaign has already funded significant improvements to Wesleyan's facilities, including its two signature projects. The completely renovated Taylor Hall is gorgeous, retaining its historic charm while also featuring modern classroom space and technology for the psychology, education, and business departments. In addition to housing our Master of Education and Executive Master of Business

Administration programs, the building also includes modern laboratories for the physics department and a computer laboratory used by students studying in a number of disciplines. The entire structure was awarded Gold certification in Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) by the United States Green Building Council.

The second major project of the FAST Forward campaign is, of course, Wesleyan's "new" Pierce Chapel. Construction began

in December, 2013, and should be complete by the spring of 2015. Pierce Chapel will accommodate 300 for worship, will provide a home for the College's campus ministry programs, and will be used occasionally as a performance venue for piano and choral concerts. Construction photos, which are updated hourly during weekdays, can be viewed by visiting www.wesleyancollege.edu. For a report on the ground blessing celebration held in February, check out the



feature on page 38 of this issue.

Funds raised through the FAST Forward campaign also have enabled the College to construct and equip the laboratory and office suite for the Bachelor of Science in Nursing program and to make significant improvements to campus-wide heating, ventilating, and air-conditioning (HVAC) systems and their controls. Upgrading these HVAC systems has provided increased comfort in a number of our buildings while decreasing the College's energy needs. Other projects funded through the campaign include several new roofs, brightly furnished study spaces in the first year residence halls, fresh paving for campus roads, major upgrades to the equestrian center, and enhancements to technology throughout the campus. Several other projects are planned as well, which will be implemented when longer term pledges to the campaign are realized. With a goal of \$13,800,000 for all these capital projects, including Taylor Hall and Pierce Chapel, Wesleyan College has met and slightly exceeded this mark.

ANNUAL FUND

Support for the College's day to day operations also has been bolstered considerably by gifts to the Annual Fund. As one of three primary sources for meeting the College's expenses (in addition to tuition revenue and earnings from the endowment), the Annual Fund ensures our ability to offer not only an excellent classroom experience for our students but also a thriving residence life program, NCAA Division III athletics, the IHSA equestrian program, and multiple

avenues for spiritual development and community leadership. No aspect of the College is left untouched by Annual Fund support, which provides immediate funding for instruction, faculty and staff salaries, utilities, maintenance, healthcare, counseling, and campus security. From STUNT props and team jerseys to Model United Nations Conferences and career placement services, Annual Fund dollars are essential to the transformational Wesleyan College experience. Against a five year goal for the Annual Fund and other special operating needs of \$11,500,000, Wesleyan College still needs to raise about \$600,000 to reach the overall target.

SCHOLARSHIPS/TEACHING

Although Wesleyan College is consistently recognized as one of the nation's most affordable selective colleges, many of our students need significant financial assistance in order to follow their dreams of becoming a Wesleyan Woman. The College uses a strong scholarship program to ensure that deserving young women from all economic backgrounds can afford a Wesleyan education, with the Annual Fund serving as a major source of scholarship funding each year. In recent years, Wesleyan has been increasingly focused on building a stronger base of endowed support for student scholarships, including through the FAST Forward campaign.

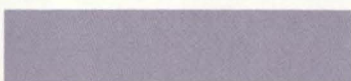
Without the burden of meeting large financial obligations, Wesleyan's students are able to become fully engaged in the

classroom, where they value the academic rigor and close ties offered by Wesleyan's extraordinary 11:1 student-faculty ratio and seminar-style teaching format. Of the full-time faculty members teaching at Wesleyan, 94% hold PhDs or terminal degrees in their fields. We are confident that Wesleyan's talented and highly accessible faculty are the primary reason that Wesleyan students boast exemplary acceptance rates into medical, law, business, and other graduate programs. Providing endowed support for Wesleyan's outstanding teaching and learning environment is another goal of the FAST Forward campaign.

With a total goal for endowed funds through the FAST Forward campaign of \$5,700,000, the College has met and slightly exceeded this mark.

FAST FORWARD

The success of our FAST Forward campaign has brought many tangible improvements to Wesleyan College along with a true sense of excitement for the future. We are indeed grateful for all who support the Wesleyan way of learning, living, and serving. We are inspired, too, by the extraordinary young women who choose Wesleyan, the gifted faculty who teach them, and the dedicated staff who add their distinctive touch to the campus experience. **With thanks for your loyalty and your confidence in our mission, we invite you to join us in the push to meet all the goals of the FAST Forward campaign by June 30. Just a few more gifts to the Annual Fund will get us there!**





“Oh Happy Day!”

With that pronouncement, Reverend Bill Hurdle captured the sentiments of all who gathered for the ground blessing for Pierce Chapel on February 13, 2014 and, indeed, for the scores of individuals who have worked for a chapel since the Rivoli campus opened in 1928. Frigid temperatures had moved the ceremony indoors from a location overlooking the construction site. In the warmth of Porter Family Memorial Auditorium, members of the Wesleyan family sang hymns and recited a litany of ground blessing for the new chapel. In her remarks, President Ruth Knox provided a historical perspective and paid homage to the individuals both past and present who have worked to make the new Pierce Chapel a reality.

“I know that we are surrounded by

a great cloud of witnesses who are celebrating with us this long awaited day – including the many who loved the original Pierce Chapel on College Street and all those who have dreamed that this campus, too, would have a Pierce Chapel of its own.”

President Knox reminded the gathering that a chapel had been part of the original design for the 1928 campus, but budgetary realities delayed its construction. Later, the College had to weather the effects of the Great Depression and construction was delayed again. Before his death, Wesleyan benefactor James Hyde Porter donated money for a chapel and even presided over a groundbreaking for the building. After his death, however, the scope of that project expanded,

eventually outgrowing its planned location between Tate and Taylor Halls and its budget. By the time the building was completed in 1956, it had become the Porter Family Memorial Auditorium and Fine Arts Building. While the new facility served admirably as a prominent venue for school and community events and the sorely needed home of the College’s fine arts program, it was not the dedicated chapel building that many had envisioned.

Even without a chapel building, Wesleyan continued to nurture its connection with the United Methodist Church. Under the leadership of President Robert Ackerman (1984-1987), Wesleyan began to celebrate and strengthen ties to the Methodist Church, including, among other



accomplishments, the revival of the baccalaureate service and the institution of the marker ceremony with its stately procession of seniors and faculty from the College Street site of Old Wesleyan to Mulberry Street United Methodist Church. For the past fifteen years, Wesleyan's beloved chaplain, the Reverend Bill Hurdle, has ministered to Wesleyan students, faculty, and staff with warmth and love. His development and leadership of the Wesleyan Disciples program inspired a renewed sense of the need for a chapel that would be the home for all faith-based organizations on campus as well as a place for worship, study, and prayer for the entire Wesleyan community.

The latest effort to build a chapel was fueled by the persistent encouragement of Betty and Lovick Corn, both Wesleyan Trustees and both direct descendants of Lovick Pierce, one of the original founders of the College. Betty is a direct descendant through George Foster Pierce, Lovick Pierce's son and Wesleyan's first president. Lovick is a descendant through Lovick Pierce's younger son, Thomas. President Knox cited the unparalleled service that this family has given to Wesleyan with members having served on Wesleyan's Board of Trustees a cumulative 245 years and counting!

Construction of Wesleyan's new Pierce Chapel began in early December, and members of the campus community have been eagerly following its progress. For those not able to monitor the construction on campus, a webcam placed on Hightower Hall takes pictures hourly and posts to the home page of the College's website at wesleyancollege.edu. Construction is expected to be complete early next year with a formal dedication to take place in the spring of 2015.

The incredibly cool Bill Hurdle

Special thanks to Ed Grisamore and The Telegraph.



The Reverend Bill Hurdle retired in 1995. At least he thought he had retired. In 1998, former Wesleyan President Nora Kizer Bell asked him to serve in the role of the College's interim chaplain for one year. Then she asked him to stay another year. By the time Ruth Knox was named president in 2003, Hurdle might as well have added some extra glue on the pew. He wasn't going anywhere.

On May 14, 2014, Wesleyan's board of trustees honored our beloved Reverend Hurdle with a recognition dinner in Oval Hall at the Candler Alumnae Center. The event was not a retirement dinner, as Hurdle will remain as chaplain at least until Pierce Chapel is completed in February 2015. "It was most definitely not a retirement party," Knox said. "Bill Hurdle will be Wesleyan's chaplain when Pierce Chapel is dedicated, and he always will be a Wesleyan treasure."

Hurdle has worn many hats in his sixteen years as Wesleyan's chaplain. He has performed the wedding ceremonies for thirty-seven women who attended Wesleyan. He started the Wesleyan Disciples, a Christian group of students committed to faith and service that Hurdle classifies as "interdenominational, interracial, and international." Today, seven Disciples graduates are now in full-time ministry, including a missionary in Uganda, a youth minister in Colorado, and three students in seminary. Wesleyan Disciples proudly wear "Team Hurdle" T-shirts with one of his favorite sayings: "Love for the sheer joy of loving."

A great-grandfatherly figure on campus, Hurdle is a self-professed "people person." His role is not only to serve as a minister but also as an encourager. He

always has the student with a long face in the dining room on his radar screen. Or the young lady who is having boyfriend problems or dealing with family struggles. Sometimes he prays with them. And he follows up to make sure they are doing OK. "I have often said that he is Wesleyan's MVP, and he is," said Knox. "Everyone at Wesleyan loves him, and he is the reason that our campus ministry programs are stronger and more enriching than ever before. He is wise, warm, caring, thoughtful, funny, and incredibly cool."

Hurdle grew up in Montezuma, Georgia, the oldest of four children. He graduated from Montezuma High School seventy years ago and enlisted in the Navy. He spent two years in the Pacific on the USS Bottineau, a troop transport ship. He returned to Montezuma after the war and worked for an electric company. He also got involved with his church, Montezuma United Methodist Church. Under the guidance of its new minister, John Lough, Hurdle worked with the youth in a nearby mill village and began holding services in the mill chapel on Sunday nights.

He attended Emory at Oxford on the G.I. Bill, then went on to the Candler School of Theology at Emory. He was ordained in 1953. That was also the year he married his wife, Betty. They met when he was preaching a revival at her home church, Pleasant Valley Methodist in Lilly, Georgia. "It was only seventeen miles from where I grew up, but I didn't know where it was," he said. "She was living in Atlanta and working at Lockheed and just happened to be home for the weekend." They will celebrate their 61st anniversary in August. They have four children.

Like most Methodist ministers, he skipped like a stone across a south Georgia pond. He was pastor at churches in Waynesboro, Wrens, Ocilla, Hazlehurst, Cordele, and Moultrie before becoming minister at Mulberry Street United Methodist in Macon from 1976-82. He served as a Methodist district superintendent in Waycross for three years, before returning to Macon in the position of executive director of the commission on higher education. He was responsible for fundraising, recruiting and the campus ministries for all eight Methodist colleges in Georgia. When he retired in 1995, he expressed a strong desire to stay active in some way, to still be on call for his life's calling. He has continued as a member at Mulberry Street United Methodist, where he is the senior pastor emeritus.



STUNT.14



From hilarious costumes to moving candlelit ceremonies, tradition is alive and well at the world's oldest and boldest college for women. The four classes wrote, directed, 2014 marked the 118th year of STUNT, the annual class musical production that dates back to 1897. The Golden Hearts won the cup this year and the performed, and produced their own skits to compete for the coveted STUNT Cup. The Golden Hearts won the cup this year and the Purple Knights won the Spirit Cup. All proceeds from the annual event benefit academic scholarships.

Campus News



Competing against almost forty teams statewide, a team from Wesleyan's Department of Business and Economics earned the first place award in the 3rd Annual Internal Audit Case Competition conducted by the Atlanta Chapter of the Institute of Internal Auditors. A second team from Wesleyan placed in the top ten. The team of Wesleyan students including Sarah Ch'ng, Linh Lai, and Mai Huong Phung, mentored by Jerry Jennison, senior audit manager at UPS, took the first place award, while the University of Georgia placed second, and Columbus State University placed third. The second Wesleyan team competed under the direction of Dave Petrisky, audit manager at AT&T, and included students Catherine Misigaro, Thu Huong Ngo, and Linh Nguyen. Dr. Kel-Ann S. Eyler, associate professor and program director of accounting, served as faculty advisor and accompanied the two Wesleyan teams to Atlanta.



Front to back: Ojashwi Pathak, Diana Kim, Gloria Odoyuye, Hoa Nguyen, Shamila Sarwar, Aliya Jakupova, Charline van der Beek

At the Southern Regional Model UN (SRMUN) Conference in November, the Wesleyan delegation representing Yemen was awarded an Honorable Mention at the competition. Out of more than seventy country delegations from some fifty colleges and universities, only ten other delegations received an award.

In addition to participating in committee procedure and caucusing, the following students gave speeches, drafted resolutions, and served as sponsors and signatories of resolutions: Charline van der Beek, Oja Pathak, Diana Kim, Shamila Sarwar, Gloria Oduyoye, Hoa Nguyen, Aliya Jakupova. Barbara Donovan, professor of political science served as faculty sponsor.



Through a series of small fundraisers in December, Wesleyan's athletic department raised more than \$500, which enabled them to sponsor children from Jay's Hope for Christmas. Jay's Hope is a local organization whose mission is to improve the quality of life for Georgia children with cancer and their families. About fifty Wesleyan athletes, coaches, and staff members wrapped dozens of gifts, providing a brighter Christmas for several families.



In March, Xinyi Shu, a transfer student from South China Normal University in Guangzhou, China, won first place in the Macon Symphony Orchestra Competition, performing Beethoven's *Piano Concerto No. 2 in B-flat*. A junior majoring in music with piano emphasis, Xinyi received a \$300 cash prize and the opportunity to perform with the Macon Symphony.



In April, Wesleyan College senior Ashlee Day (left) was honored as Wesleyan Woman of Success, an award given annually to a graduating senior who stands out in extracurricular activities, community service, and academics. Graduating Senior Paula Lockhart (right) received the highest student nominated honor, Wesleyan Woman of the Year, for her leadership, loyalty to the College, and friendship to others.

Next Big Idea: Wesleyan students win \$10,000 first place award

In April, a team of five Wesleyan College students won the College Hill Alliance's inaugural Next Big Idea competition and the \$10,000 prize that accompanies it. Their idea, a karaoke lounge with private rooms, is modeled after similar lounges in Atlanta. There are no businesses of this type in Macon.

Their idea is distinct in that it offers private rooms that can be rented for \$15-\$25 per hour depending on the size of the room. One team member, Tamara Bui, said many people like karaoke but are not comfortable singing in front of a large crowd of strangers, so the business would allow people to perform in front of the familiar faces of invited guests. Also, the technology they plan to use would allow people to select from many different languages. The students estimate they

will need \$82,000 for the state-of-the-art equipment and other expenses needed to start the business. Bui said winning the competition gives them credibility when it comes to securing a loan or investors. A rising junior, she also said they may have to wait until they finish school to start the business.

The event started with two teams each from six colleges in the area, including Mercer University, Georgia College & State University, Fort Valley State University, Middle Georgia State College, and Central Georgia Technical College. A team of five judges selected the finalists, and a separate team chose the winners.

Nadia Osman, director of Revitalization & Business Initiatives for the College Hill Alliance, said the competition will be held



Team Mic: Left to right: Jane Ha, Tamara Bui, Hallie Ngo, Tram Nguyen, Denise Phung, and Dr. Glenna Dod Meyer, D. Abbott Turner Professor of Free Enterprise at Wesleyan College

annually. It is intended to spur entrepreneurship among young people. She said she was impressed with the wide range of ideas proposed and the research the students put into their business plans. "Our hope is that each of

these teams, no matter if they placed or not, will come to us and seek support to make their business dream a reality," she said.

Thanks to Wayne Crenshaw and The Telegraph.

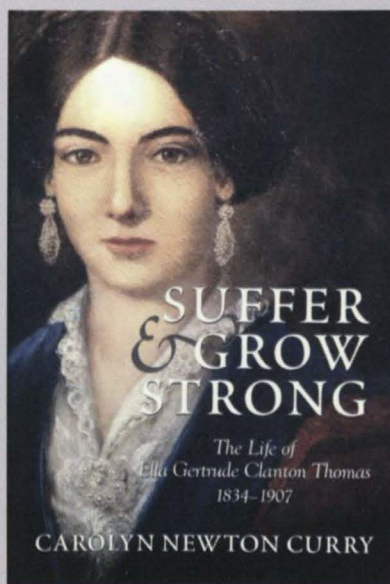
Campus News

On Saturday, September 28, 2013, WOW! A Day for Macon volunteers made a huge impact on the Macon-Middle Georgia Community. A team of 220 volunteers consisting of Wesleyan students, faculty, staff, family members, and community volunteers served twenty-five agencies, including Macon Rescue Mission, Loaves and Fishes Ministry, Goodwill Industries, Salvation Army Thrift Store, Aunt Maggie's Kitchen Table, Habitat for Humanity Restore, Methodist Home for Children and Youth, Macon-Bibb EOC Early Head Start, Inc., and others. Dean of Faculty and Professor of English Matt Martin led a crew working in Wesleyan's Arboretum.

With similar success, spring WOW! A Day for Macon, held January 25, 2014, served agencies around the community and hosted numerous activities on Wesleyan's campus. The Office of Admission sponsored "I love Math," an activity held in conjunction with the Macon Bibb County Board of Education's GEAR UP program.



Georgia Women of Achievement



On March 13, 2014, Georgia Women of Achievement celebrated the lives of three outstanding Georgia natives, including Wesleyan alumna Ella Gertrude Clanton Thomas, Class of 1851. In a series of journals and scrapbooks she began at the age of fourteen and continued for forty-one years, Gertrude chronicled her life as a daughter and young wife of privilege in the Old South through the devastating deaths of loved ones, the hardships of the Civil War and Reconstruction, the ultimate loss of all family wealth, and her new role as a working woman. In 1893, Gertrude left Augusta and moved to Atlanta where she became involved in the Women's Christian Temperance Union, serving as president, and the Suffrage Movement. In 1900, she was elected president of the Georgia Woman Suffrage Association and represented Georgia at the national convention in Washington, D.C. When she died in 1907, the *Augusta Chronicle* referred to Gertrude Thomas as one of the most "prominent women in Georgia... regarded as one of the most brilliant women of her time." Wesleyan thanks Sarah King Pilger '85 for conducting the original research and Dr. Carolyn Newton Curry and Sally Shingler Kurrie '70 for co-authoring the Wesleyan

College Alumnae Association's nomination of Ella Gertrude Clanton Thomas to be recognized as a Georgia Woman of Achievement.

Georgia Women of Achievement was the brainchild of former first lady Rosalynn Carter, brought to life by a founding committee that included Valeria McCullough Murphey '48, Neva Langley Fickling '55, Eleanor Lane '58, Nancy Anderson, former Wesleyan President Robert Ackerman, and former Wesleyan Trustee Frank Jones. The goal of the organization is to bring the stories of outstanding women in Georgia history to the public, particularly to young people, as a source of education and inspiration. Hundreds of community members, including college and high school students, attended the 2014 induction ceremony in Porter Auditorium that featured Chief Executive Officer for Georgia Public Broadcasting Teya Ryan as keynote speaker. The ceremony was followed by a luncheon in Anderson Dining Hall.

To read more about the life of Ella Gertrude Clanton Thomas, visit Wesleyan's Campus Store for a copy of *Suffer and Grow Strong* by Dr. Carolyn Newton Curry.

Faculty News

- Associate Professor of History **Karen Huber** is one of only twenty-eight faculty members nationwide to be selected to participate in the seminar "The Creation of the Modern American City: Chicago from 1830 to 1910," sponsored by the Council of Independent Colleges and the Gilder Lehrman Institute of American History. The seminar, led by Northwestern University professors Henry Binford and Carl Smith, will be held in June at the Newberry Library in Chicago.

- Using children's literature as mentor texts, Associate Professor of Education **Dr. Mae Sheftall** spent two hours a week for eight weeks teaching creative writing strategies to nine and ten year old students at Jones Elementary School. Students learned the craft of writing (i.e., effective leads, using strong verbs, writing effective descriptions, adding details, etc.) and had their first books published last month. Three Wesleyan art students worked with the children to illustrate their books. During a celebration at the Douglass Theatre in May, the children were inducted into The Purple Quill Society, a group Sheftall started for children and adults who have published books. Dr. Sheftall retired in May after serving Wesleyan College for twelve years.

- Along with her co-author Dr. Mimi Ford (Middle Georgia State College), **Dr. Kel-Ann Eyler**, associate professor of accounting, presented at the February 2014 annual meeting of the Georgia Association of Accounting Educators and in March at the MBAA International Conference in Chicago on the topic of marriage tax penalties in our tax laws. An article on the same topic by Dr. Eyler and Dr. Ford appeared in the Nov/Dec 2013 issue of the GSCPA's publication, *Current Accounts*.

- Professor of Modern Foreign Languages **Teresa Smotherman** received a grant from the Council on International Educational Exchange to attend an International Faculty Development Seminar to attend a seminar this summer in Italy. The seminar, Sociocultural Significance of Food in Italy & the Mediterranean, will explore the economic, political, social, and cultural significance of food from a number of disciplinary perspectives.



On Honors Day April 17th, Wesleyan College presented awards to students, faculty, and staff for the academic year 2013 - 2014. Pictured left to right are President Ruth Knox '75; Dr. Karen Huber, associate professor of history, honored with the Vulcan Materials Company Teaching Excellence Award; Deidra Donmoyer, associate professor of communication, honored with the Ann Munck Award for Excellence in Teaching; Brock Bingaman, assistant professor of religious studies, honored with the SGA Professor of the Year award; Ellen Futral Hanson '83, associate professor of music, honored with The General Board of Higher Education and Ministry of the United Methodist Church Exemplary Teacher Award; and Vivia Fowler, provost for the College.

- **Brock Bingaman**, assistant professor of religious studies is the author of one monograph and three commissioned book chapters due out in 2014. The monograph is *All Things New: The Trinitarian Nature of the Human Calling in Maximus the Confessor and Jürgen Moltmann* part of the Princeton Theological Monograph Series. The commissioned book chapters are "Jürgen Moltmann," in *The Oxford Handbook of Political Theology*, edited by Shaun Casey and Michael Kessler; "Scripture as Divine Mystery: The Bible in the *Philokalia*," in *What Is the Bible? The Patristic Doctrine of Scripture* (Essays from the third annual Fr. Florovsky Symposium at Princeton University 2013); and "A Neglected Dialogue: Teaching Native American and Christian Spiritualities in Conversation," in *Teaching Comparison: Pedagogical Perspectives as Comparative Theory in Religious Studies* (Oxford), edited by Jennifer Rapp.

- Congratulations to Professor of English **Dr. Matt Martin** who was selected in March to fill the new position of Dean of the Faculty at Wesleyan College. His primary duties include chairing Academic

Council and the Tenure and Promotion Committee, directing the Wesleyan Integrative Seminar program, serving as a liaison to the Admissions Committee, and coordinating faculty development.

- Congratulations to **Angie O'Neal Wright '07**, who has accepted the position of registrar at Wesleyan College. Angie was the first official student accepted into Wesleyan's Evening Program, which began in 1998. After earning her bachelor of science degree in psychology, she earned her EMBA from Wesleyan in 2010. Angie began working at Wesleyan in 2007 as assistant systems administrator and for the last six years as assistant registrar.

- During her sabbatical fall semester 2014, **Dr. Jan Lewis** wrote (along with co-author Robert Fieldsteel) and directed the new play *Genius* at Berry College, in Rome, Georgia. *Genius* revolves around the lives and interconnections among Gertrude Stein, Alice B. Toklas, Pablo Picasso, Georges Braque, Henri Matisse, F. Scott Fitzgerald, Ernest Hemingway, Coco Chanel and other luminaries who lived and worked in Paris during the first half of the twentieth century.

FROM THE ALUMNAE PRESIDENT:



My favorite moment from Alumnae Weekend began with me doing a little eavesdropping.

Do y'all know about the Golden Belles Luncheon? It's a special gathering to honor the 50th reunion class - this year, the Green Knights of 1964. Before my duties began, I ducked into the ladies room - that one in Candler with the crazy jungle wallpaper? Three women stood by the sinks, touching up lipstick and fixing hairdos. They didn't notice me.

One said, "Time has passed so quickly!" Another laughed, "How did we get so OLD?" Then the third voice said, "But you know? When I see my friends, even after all these years, their young faces shine through."

I shared this quote in my remarks to the seniors before the Candlelighting Ceremony — and that line made the whole auditorium sigh in unison. I looked out on the rows of PK seniors, each standing before an alumna there to light her candle. That woman might be her big sister, sister, mother, teacher, or friend.

I lit the first candle. Then, as the organ played, the light traveled through Porter Auditorium, sister to sister. We stood in the flickering glow, decade upon decade of proud Wesleyannes.

Do you recall that part of the Benson Charge that reads: "Remember that, as Emerson said, 'large advantages bind you to larger generosity,' and you owe it to the world to give to others the best that is in you."

This Candlelighting reminded me of the privilege of being a Wesleyanne and my responsibility for maintaining the strength of our alma mater. Wesleyan is the place where, in the glow of the candlelight, our young faces shine through.

Ashley Garrett

Ashley Garrett '90
President, Wesleyan College Alumnae Association

ANNOUNCING ALUMNAE WEEKEND 2015 APRIL 17, 18, & 19

Mark your calendar now and plan to join us next spring! Reunions are celebrated at five-year intervals, but all alumnae are invited to this and every Alumnae Weekend. See page 67 for more information.





CONGRATULATIONS 2014 ALUMNAE AWARD RECIPIENTS!

To read complete profiles of these wonderful Wesleyan women, visit our website: www.wesleyancollege.edu.

Distinguished Achievement in a Profession Amanda S. Jacobs '84



When Amanda graduated from Wesleyan with a degree in piano performance, she aspired to be a performer and concert pianist. She earned a master's degree in music from Georgia State University

and continued her musical studies at the Conservatorium Alkmaar in The Netherlands, Nazareth College in Rochester, New York, and the Eastman School of Music at the University of Rochester.

For the last thirty years, Amanda has showcased her talents as a playwright, composer, educator, musician, producer, docent, and student. Today she works and creates in three artistic disciplines: music, theater, and the visual arts and is working toward completing her PhD in educational psychology at Capella University.

It was through a tragedy in the late 1990s that Amanda discovered her life's calling as a composer. From this event, she produced her first musical, *Daniel*, which premiered at the 2000 Edinburgh Fringe Festival in Scotland and was used as an outreach project for the Episcopal Diocese of Western New York from 1997 to 2001. Since then, she has composed and produced numerous works and is most recognized for her award-winning *Jane Austen's Pride and Prejudice, A Musical*. The musical swept the New York Musical Theater Awards in 2011. Currently under commercial option by London producers, the musical is also being developed for Broadway.

Amanda was chosen to represent the Jane Austen Society of North America in their International Visitor's Program in the United Kingdom where she will spend six weeks this summer writing and composing music using the prayers of Jane Austen to create new liturgy for the Anglican Church.

In addition to being a full-time composer, Amanda is an artist educator and conducts workshops and presentations about the arts. Her workshops utilize arts-based activities to target current educational concerns and address psycho-social issues in children and adolescents.

Distinguished Service to Wesleyan Deborah Stevenson Moses '89



Debbie is widely recognized as an exemplary alumna leader who inspires her classmates and others to follow in her footsteps. An English, history, and political science major,

she received the Alumnae Association's Scholarship for Leadership award in 1987 and was named Wesleyan Woman of the Year in 1989.

After graduating from Vanderbilt University Law School, Debbie joined the firm of Miller & Martin in Chattanooga, Tennessee. In 1995, she moved to Atlanta to accept a position at the firm that would become Hall, Booth, Smith & Slover. Four years later, Debbie was named the firm's only female partner and began representing Piedmont Hospital, now known as Piedmont Healthcare, which is comprised of five hospitals and employs approximately 400 physicians. Today Debbie is Director of Claims & Litigation at Piedmont Healthcare and continues to manage all claims and litigation related to the organization and its employees.

In 1995, Debbie accepted the Wesleyan College Alumnae Association's member-at-large for nominations position on the Board of Managers, then from 2003-2006 she served as President of the Alumnae Association. Debbie has served as President of the Atlanta Alumnae Club, twice as class liaison, and was selected as the Baccalaureate Marker Ceremony Speaker in both 2005 and 2013. Currently, she is a member of Wesleyan's Board of Trustees.

Debbie continues to support the scholarship her parents established in her honor in 1997 and attends the annual scholarship luncheon to personally meet with her scholarship recipient. She made her first gift to Wesleyan the year following her graduation and now is recognized as a Stanback Society donor and a member of the Society for the Twenty-first Century. Her gifts to Wesleyan are always as a tribute to others, telling the story of faculty members she has respected, Wesleyan friends she has loved, and others who have touched her life in meaningful ways.

Distinguished Service to the Church Judith Haisten Gattis '69



After graduating from Wesleyan, Judy earned a master's degree in special education from the University of Alabama and began teaching special needs children in a career that spanned

twenty-five years. In 1973, Judy and two friends developed Special Camp at Camp Sumatanga, a summer program for special needs youth, where she volunteered as co-director for the next 38 years. There she became aware of the need for a safe home environment for special needs individuals who no longer have parents to care for them and organized a new housing initiative within the church conference to provide home facilities for these individuals across north Alabama.

In 1974, Judy and a women's group at Trinity United Methodist Church in Birmingham organized a bookstore to provide spiritual resources at a reasonable price. For this meaningful enterprise, she received a lifetime membership award from the United Methodist Women at Trinity UMC. Later, she served as chairperson of the missions committee at St. Mark UMC, and organized two mission trips to the Caribbean Island of Nevis where her team replaced the roof of a church.

More recently, Judy founded and led Trinity Friends, a monthly evening of social activities for special needs adults at Trinity UMC in Huntsville, Alabama. Still in operation today, the program provides a fun evening of dinner and social activities for nearly 100 people each month.

Always a leader by example, Judy and friends from her church have worked through a woman's club for the past several years to provide dictionaries for all third grade students in Title I schools in Huntsville. Not only does she gather funding, order the dictionaries and deliver them, she teaches the students how to use them. Her accomplishments are countless and her children say she never stops!

Now is the time to Nominate for 2015 Alumnae Awards:

Distinguished Achievement in a Profession • Distinguished Service to Community, Church, or Wesleyan • Young Alumna Award. For nomination forms contact the alumnae office (478) 757-5173 or download forms from our website. Deadline to nominate: December 1, 2014.

Distinguished Achievement in a Profession Kathleen DeBerry Brungard '67



A professional violinist and violist, Kathleen has performed with the Atlanta Lyric Opera Orchestra, Atlanta Chamber Players, Phoenix Symphony Orchestra, and Los Angeles Doctors' Symphony, and in venues for artists

Dame Margot Fonteyn, Rudolf Nureyev, Frank Sinatra, Liberace, and others. However, if you were to ask Kathy what she does for a living, she would proudly say that she is a teacher of orchestra.

Kathy graduated *cum laude* in music education from Wesleyan, and earned a master's degree in music from Northwestern University. She taught orchestra and strings in public schools for more than thirty years, and her elementary and secondary school orchestras were consistently invited to perform at the regional, state, and national levels, including at Carnegie Hall in New York City. All the while, she maintained her own private violin and viola studio, and today many of her students teach and perform around the world.

Kathy has written curriculum guidelines for stringed instruments at all levels of instruction. She is the lead author of *Orchestra Expressions* and *Expressive Techniques for Orchestra*, both current best-selling music curriculums for the teaching of stringed instruments.

Charlotte Concerts, the oldest presenting arts organization in Charlotte, NC, selected Kathy to be the clinician/conductor for the Charlotte Mecklenburg Schools Middle Schools Honor Orchestra. Her triumphs with this event led her to serve on the Charlotte Concerts Board and develop an education initiative for the Charlotte Mecklenburg School System. Kathy successfully developed, coordinated, and chaired "Spooktacular," an event featuring learning activities in science, English, and math related to the musical instruments. More than 8,000 students attended "Spooktacular."

Kathy is an active orchestra conductor, music festival clinician, and adjudicator in the United States and abroad.

Distinguished Service to the Church Martha Jean Laslie Woodward '54



Martha Jean is known by her family, friends, and fellow parishioners as someone who never says no. For her unwavering service, Martha Jean has been awarded Honorary Life Membership by

First Presbyterian Church of Quincy, Florida, where she has been a member for fifty-eight years, and by the Florida Presbytery Presbyterian Women.

Martha Jean has served her church as a Sunday school teacher, Circle Moderator, and as treasurer, secretary, moderator, and Bible leader for the Presbyterian Women. She has volunteered as treasurer and moderator for the Presbyterian Women of Florida Presbytery, which consists of more than forty churches in the Florida panhandle, and has worked tirelessly raising money to provide scholarships for Columbia Theological Seminary students with families.

In the early 1980s Martha Jean was ordained as a deacon and later as an elder of First Presbyterian Church, serving several terms in each position. She has volunteered on various committees including Worship, Education, and the Pastor Nominating Committee and as treasurer for her church, the Community Ministry Fund, and the Synod of South Atlantic, which serves the Presbyterian Church (USA) presbyteries throughout Florida, Georgia, and South Carolina.

One of six Laslie sisters to earn their degree from Wesleyan, Martha Jean graduated *magna cum laude* and was a member of Phi Kappa Phi honor society. As an alumna volunteer Martha Jean has served on her reunion committee, as a class liaison, and has presented Wesleyan First Awards at Robert F. Munroe School, where she taught for 27 years. She attends Tallahassee Alumnae Club events, recruits for Wesleyan, and is a member of The Society for the Twenty-first Century. Her daughter, Anne '81 is a Wesleyanne, and in April Martha Jean served as a candlelighter for her granddaughter, Adrienne Woodward, who graduated in May.

Young Alumna Award Georgette Pilar Wilder '01



Pilar distinguished herself as a young entrepreneur and emerging arts and education activist as a freshman at Wesleyan when she founded the West African dance club Harambee African Tribal Sounds Unlimited. In its 17th season,

Pilar serves as executive director of the club, now named Hayiya Dance Theatre, Inc. During her senior year, she opened Hayiya Dance Theatre, Movement Institute, and Center for Cultural Arts where she continues as the artistic director.

Pilar has taught hundreds of students to dance at Hayiya Dance Theatre and its two satellite locations, while also serving as the Performance Arts Technology Consultant and dance instructor at West Side High School. She has worked as an adjunct professor at Fort Valley State University, as a continuing education instructor at Middle Georgia State College, as dance teacher at Tubman African American Museum, and as Artist-In-Residence for the Macon Arts Alliance. From 2004-2009 she served as the first dance instructor and Fine Arts Department Chair for Miller Fine Arts Magnet Middle School, where she was honored as the 2008 Teacher of the Year.

A young community leader, Pilar serves on numerous boards in Middle Georgia, is a member of Macon Arts Alliance's Arts Round Table, the Junior League of Macon, Museum of Arts and Sciences executive board, and is a founding board member of Cirrus Education Group. In 2004 Pilar received the Macon Arts Alliance Cultural Award. In 2011 *Macon Magazine* named her one of "5 Leaders under 40." A graduate of Leadership Macon's class of 2012, she is Macon's only representative for Leadership Georgia's class of 2014, which accepts only 63 participants each year.

Pilar has served as a panelist at Wesleyan during Black History Month, participated in reunion and alumnae activities, served as a candlelighter, and taught dance and percussion for the Lane Center's after school and summer programs.

Alumnae CONNECTIONS

Get Ready to Connect! Move-In Day: August 16, 2014

Do you remember move-in day your first year? The Alumnae Office is looking for volunteers to welcome first year students (PK Class of 2018) and their families to campus on Saturday, August 16, from 9am - 1pm. Join us as we help pass out bottles of cold water, offer a friendly smile, and make a student's first day at Wesleyan College a special one. Contact Cathy Snow in the Alumnae Office at csnow@wesleyancollege.edu to sign up for *Move-In Day*. Let's welcome new students into the Sisterhood!

ALUMNAE EVENTS

Colorado

Denver

Colorado alumnae were invited to a *Christmas Season Tea* at the home of **Patricia Shriver Mancuso '60** in Littleton. Alumnae braved icy winter weather to gather for this sisterhood social where the main tea-time-topic centered around "all things Wesleyan."

Florida

Tallahassee

Goodwood Plantation was the venue for this annual luncheon where Provost Vivia Fowler spoke to area alumnae about Wesleyan's Nursing Program and the Confucius Institute. Other Wesleyan guests included Director of Annual Giving Andrea Williford and Alumnae Director **Cathy Coxey Snow '71**. **Virginia Barber Perkins '63** coordinated plans for this February event, along with alumnae hostesses **Ermine Owenby '61**, **Martha Herring Stubbs '68**, and **Shari Richardson Arrington '71**.

Quincy

Wesleyan's traveling art exhibit, *Masterworks on the Move*, opened at the Gadsden Arts Center in Quincy with a Director's Circle Preview at the museum on March 27th. The event was in memory of "Miss Julia," the late **Julia Munroe Woodward '34**, and organized by *Masterworks* committee members **Shari Arrington**, **Virginia Perkins**, **Martha Stubbs**, **Mary Margaret Woodward McNeill '60**, and Wesleyan Trustees **Judy Woodward Gregory '63**, Chair, and **Susan Woodward Walker '70**. **President Ruth Knox '75** and **Lisa Sloben '00**, curator of the exhibit and director of the Center for Arts, were special guest speakers. On Friday, the museum hosted more than 200 guests for the Opening Night Party that included members of "Miss Julia's" family and other Wesleyan guests.

Georgia

Atlanta

Atlanta area alumnae enjoyed a *Sisterhood Social* held in March at the home of **Susan Pyeatt Kimmey '71**. Sponsored by past presidents of the Atlanta Wesleyan Alumnae Club, the social was one of the largest gatherings the club has had this year. **Sally Moffett McKenna '75** coordinated plans for the event, along with other past presidents including **Frances Oehmig Collins '47**, **Becky Edenfield Lingerfelt '71**, **Mary Catherine Collins O'Kelley '72**, **Debbie Stevenson Moses '89**, and **Ruth White Fruit '54**. Wesleyan guests included President Ruth Knox, Advancement Officers Susan Allen, **Millie Parrish Hudson '75**, and Andrea Williford, and Alumnae Director Cathy Snow. Sisterhood events continued in December when Wesleyan Atlanta Young Alumnae (WAYA) met for a *Sisterhood Soiree* at West Egg Café coordinated by **Jaime McQuilkin '06** and **Nita Douglas Miller '06**. All Atlanta alumnae were invited to a *Holiday Celebration* that included a tour of the Governor's Mansion followed by a Luncheon at Brio Tuscan Grille, where Millie Hudson gave an update on the College. In May, members participated in the Club's annual WOW Service Day

project as volunteer docents for the Atlanta Symphony Decorators' Show House for the 15th year! Many thanks to WOW Day Chair **Sally Myhand Flannagan Neal '70** and Co-Chair **Nita Miller '06** who coordinated plans for WOW Day.

Macon

In December, **Judy Warren Edwards '67** hosted the Macon Club's annual *Holiday Coffee* at her home where more than 65 alumnae celebrated the beginning of the holiday season with Wesleyan sisters. College guests President Ruth Knox, Susan Allen, Cathy Snow, and Andrea Williford also were on hand to share season's greetings from the *Oldest and Best*.

North Carolina

Raleigh

North Carolina Triangle Wesleyan Alumnae Club members met at the Carolina Country Club in January to hear Provost Vivia Fowler discuss the Confucius Institute and Nursing Program. Advancement Officer Susan Allen provided an update on the Chapel. *Let's Do Lunch* alumnae hostesses included **Pamela Henry Pate '71** and **Linda Brown Walker '73**. In April, club members held an annual WOW Service Day and volunteered to make table decorations for a Kidznotes Gala under the direction of Kidznotes founder **Lucia Hutcheson Peel Powe '53**. The group's Book Club meets monthly and focuses on works by Southern women writers.

Alumnae Travel Program

Costa Rica: *A World of Nature* May 17 – May 29, 2015.



Visit an exotic destination with your Wesleyan sisters that is just three air hours away from Atlanta. Discover nature and adventure in Costa Rica, where you and expert naturalist guides will take a 12 day educational journey through a country known for environmental

sustainability and for being a *green* country. While there, you will cruise the rivers and canals of Tortuguero National Park, experience the Sarapiquí Rainforest eco-system, visit the world's first Green Turtle Research Station, enjoy a jungle safari and bird watching excursion, visit cacao and organic pineapple plantations, marvel at the majestic Arenal Volcano area – and more! From vibrant cities to remote villages, immerse yourself in another world and enjoy accommodations and local cuisine chosen to capture the spirit of the destination. Along the way, explore with Wesleyan friends and savor the unexpected moments of discovery that make educational travel so special. For more information contact the Alumnae Office (478) 757-5173 or csnow@wesleyancollege.edu or visit www.wesleyancollege.edu/alumnae.

For more information about alumnae activities in your area contact: csnow@wesleyancollege.edu or (478) 757-5173.

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1. Miss Julia and Masterworks. (L-R) Mary Howard Edwards, Zoe Golloway, founding director of the Gadsden Arts Center, President Ruth Knox, and Ethel Griffin Knox greet guests at the *Masterworks on the Move* art exhibit in Quincy, FL, and pay homage to the memory of Wesleyan's grand and gracious lady, Julia Munroe Woodward '34.

2. Gathering at Gadsden. (L-R) Susan Woodward Walker '70, Otey Walker, and Betty Anne Rodgers admire the *Masterworks on the Move* exhibit.

3. Let's Get Social. Past Presidents of the Atlanta Wesleyan Alumnae Club with Ruth Knox and Susan Pyeatt Kimmey '71, who hosted the Club's *Sisterhood Social*.

4. Supporting Sisters. Members of the Class of 1967 celebrate with classmate Kathy DeBerry Brungard '67 who received the 2014 Alumnae Award for Distinguished Achievement in a Profession.

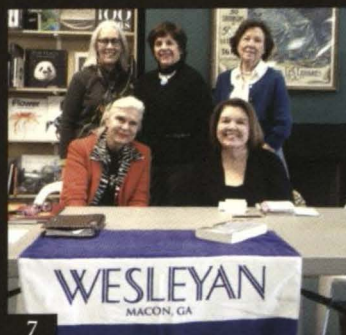
5. Thanks, Judy! (L-R) Wesleyan guests Susan Allen, Lauren Hamblin '06, and Cathy Snow thank Judy Warren Edwards '67 (3rd from left) for hosting the Macon Club's Holiday Coffee in her home.

6. Let's Do Lunch. North Carolina Triangle Wesleyan Alumnae Club members welcome Provost Vivian Fowler and Advancement Officer Susan Allen to lunch at the Carolina County Club in January.

7. A Good Read. Members of the NC Triangle Alumnae Club meet monthly at their Book Club.

8. Reunion at Lake Union. (L-R) Jodi Miller Hardee '04, Megan Odom '04, Kristin Williams '05 and Kelly Jones '04 enjoy a mini-reunion in Seattle, WA.

9. Sisters for All Seasons. Members of the Atlanta Wesleyan Alumnae Club toured the Governor's Mansion in December.



Find us on Facebook under Wesleyan College Alumnae Association for current updates on news of classmates, friends, and WCAA events.

Sympathy

The Wesleyan College Alumnae Association extends sympathy to:

Janet Allcorn Williams '44 of Hobe Sound, FL, on the death of her husband, Emory Williams, on February 11, 2014.

Martha Martin Ginn '45 of Atlanta, on the death of her sister, **Elizabeth Martin Jennings '42**, on January 7, 2014.

Winifred Bosch Titterton '45 of Aquebogue, NY, on the death of her husband, William DeWitt "Bill" Titterton, on December 5, 2013.

Betty Turner Corn '47 of Columbus, GA, and her daughter, Elizabeth Corn Ogie, Wesleyan Trustee, on the death of Betty's sister-in-law and Elizabeth's aunt, **Sue Marie Thompson Turner '50**, on May, 8, 2014.

Betty Mackay Asbury '49 of Decatur, GA, on the death of her husband, Frank Logan Asbury III, on December 18, 2013.

Anne Strozier Threadgill '49 of Greenville, GA, on the death of her son, Allen Threadgill, on February 6, 2014.

Betty Smith Jennings '53 of Gainesville, GA, on the death of her sister-in-law, **Elizabeth Martin Jennings '42**, on January 7, 2014.

Frances Bruce Van Horn '53 of Macon, and daughter **Chris Wren Van Horn '77** of Sapulpa, OK, on the death of Frances' sister, and Chris' aunt, Harriett Bruce Neubauer, on December 10, 2013.

Bonnie Jo Gardner Barnes '54 of Waynesville, NC, on the death of her cousin, **Anne Chillrud Forsythe '53**, on February 28, 2014.

Dolores English Davidson '54 of Kalamazoo, MI, on the death of her youngest son, Robert Edward "Bob" Davidson, in November 2013.

Gail Hollingsworth Rabai '56 of Salem, SC, on the death of her husband, CDR John F. Rabai, on March 8, 2013.

Trudy Wilson Topolosky '56 of Waynesboro, VA, on the death of her husband, Michael J. Topolosky, on January 13, 2014.

Jean O'Keeffe Fraser '58 of Hilton Head Island, SC, on the death of her husband, Joseph Bacon Fraser, Jr., on March 13, 2014.

Betty Nunn Mori '58 of Atlanta, on the death of her cousin, **Elizabeth Martin Jennings '42**, on January 7, 2014.

Marsha Adams Cashin '59 of North Augusta, SC, on the death of her husband, Eugene O. "Gene" Cashin, on March 24, 2013.

Sylvia Wyllys Boone '60 of Macon, on the death of her husband, Dr. Toof A. Boone, Jr., on March 24, 2014.

Mary Margaret Woodward McNeill '60 of Southern Pines, NC, **Judy Woodward Gregory '63** of Quincy, FL, and **Susan Woodward Walker '70** of Franklin, TN, on the death of their uncle, Randolph W. Thrower, who served as a Wesleyan Trustee from 1960 until his death on March 8, 2014.

Meredith Young Rogers '60 of Statesboro, GA, on the death of her daughter, Claire Austin Powell, on February 12, 2014.

Jane Motsinger Van Syke '60 of Tampa, FL, on the death of her husband, Robert "Bob" Van Syke, on March 15, 2014.

Virginia Sumerford York '60 of Panama City, FL, on the death of her brother, Harold Sumerford, on April 6, 2014.

Sylvia Hutchinson Bell '63 of Tucker, GA, on the death of her husband, Chuck S. Bell, on August 13, 2013.

Emma Jo Jones Ivey '64 of Atlanta, on the death of her mother, Mary Helen Steed Jones, (at age 100) on January 3, 2014.

Mary Helen Johnson '64 of Cumming, GA, on the death of her husband, Marvin Johnson, on January 3, 2014.

Barclay Stith Rybarczyk '64 of Oxford, GA, on the death of her husband, James Joseph "Librarian" Rybarczyk, on February 1, 2013.

Margaret Mannheim Sease '64 of Saluda, NC, on the death of her husband, John Sease, on March 29, 2014.

Petal Gibbons Montis '66 of Ponte Vedra Beach, FL, on the death of her husband, George P. Montis, on December 4, 2013.

Beth Rogero Bowen '68 of St. Augustine, FL, on the death of her mother, **Marian Watson Rogero '45**, on February 25, 2014.

Dotti Smith Stewart '69 of Falling Waters, WV, on the death of her husband, Carl Lee Stewart, on September 23, 2013.

Margaret Arnold Jackson '70 of Forsyth, GA, on the deaths of her mother, **Margaret Boyett "Sis" Arnold '46**, on January 4, 2014, and her brother, William Franklin Arnold, Jr., on April 10, 2014.

Pasty Lockhart Schuette '70 of Virginia Beach, VA, on the death of her mother, Mildred Lockhart, on January 15, 2014.

Laurie Lee Powell Jones '71 of Perry, GA, on the death of her husband, Robert Burns "Bobby" Jones III, on November 26, 2013.

Ginny Slack '73 of Atlanta, on the death of her mother, **Arline Taylor Slack '39**, on November 16, 2013.

Connie Crauswell Kempf '74 of Vestavia, AL, on the death of her husband, John Lee "Jack" Kempf, on October 6, 2013.

Elizabeth "Betty" Bridge Risch '74 of West Sacramento, CA, on the death of her husband, Steven Risch, on April 18, 2013.

Cynthia D. Wright '75 of Atlanta on the death of her father, Dr. Thomas G. "Tommie" Wright, professor of music at FSU and author of the FSU fight song, on May 8, 2014.

Wade Mixon Putnal '81 and her mother, **Toot Wade Mixon '56**, of Macon, on the death of Wade's husband and Toot's son-in-law, Gregory William Putnal, on March 24, 2014.

Melissa Nichols Showers '83 of Kansas City, MO, and **Amy Nichols Dever '85** of Raleigh, NC, on the death of their father, Robert Richard Nichols, on March 28, 2014. Mr. Nichols was the husband of Carole Nichols of Macon, a long time staff member in the office of admission at Wesleyan.

Celia Hughes Hohnadel '86 of Warner Robins, GA, on the death of her sister, **Linda Hughes '84**, on January 5, 2014.

Ashley Jones Childers '99 of Macon, on the death of her son, Austin Christopher Childers, on February 26, 2014.

Births and Family Additions

The Wesleyan College Alumnae Association extends congratulations to:

Amanda Blakey Jacobsen '88 and Al of Canton, GA, on the birth of a daughter, Kathleen Anne, on September 27, 2013.

Nicole Miller Jablonski '99 and Todd of North Palm Beach, FL, on the birth of a daughter, Peyton Reese, on October 24, 2014.

Christian Farrow Mills '11 and Rudy of Biloxi, MS, on the birth of a daughter, Kaelyn Grace Mills, who was born on August 7, 2013.

Marisa Arnold '13 and Corey Marquies Pierce Sr. of Savannah, GA, on the birth of a son, Corey Marquies Pierce, Jr., who was born on December 8, 2013.

Marriages

The Wesleyan College Alumnae Association extends congratulations to:

Jean Reed '71 of Birmingham, AL, and Robert Woodward, who were married on November 29, 2013, at Swann Lake Stables on the Cahaba River in Birmingham.

Leesa Akins '87 of Atlanta and Roger L. Flora, who were married on March 8, 2014, in the Kellett Chapel of Peachtree Presbyterian Church. The couple enjoyed their honeymoon in Paris and Barcelona.

Sarah "Holly" Cook '94 and John O'Reagan of Atlanta, GA, who were married on October 31, 2013.

Elizabeth Lee Twombly '94 of Macon, and Eric Robert Olson, who were married on February 9, 2014, at St. Innocent Orthodox Church in Macon.

Bingle Brown '99 of Silver Spring, MD, and Christine Wheat, who were married on March 6, 2014.

Yanira Chevere '01 of Austell, GA, and Brandi L. Ralston, who were married on March 28, 2014.

Randolph W. Thrower

September 13, 1913 – March 8, 2014

When Randolph Thrower died in March, memorials published in the *Atlanta Journal-Constitution*, *New York Times*, *Washington Post*, and other national newspapers heralded the unparalleled career of the prominent Atlanta attorney. While members of the Wesleyan family knew about and deeply respected Mr. Thrower's professional accomplishments, we also cherished this great man for his years of devoted leadership and service to the College. Mr. Thrower was elected to the board of trustees in 1960, serving as chair from 1972 until 1981. He continued to serve on the board until his death, remaining active until just a few years ago.

On the occasion of his 100th birthday in September of 2013, President Ruth Knox wrote to him: "We are ever mindful of the countless contributions you have made to ensure Wesleyan's commitment to excellence for women's education. From leading our board of trustees to masterminding the plans and the funding for our Munroe Science Center, you have shared your remarkable talents and your boundless generosity with us for more than half your life. You have had a hand in virtually every major development on this campus, even now as we are beginning to educate Wesleyan caliber nurses in a newly remodeled suite in the Munroe Science Center and to construct the new Pierce Chapel overlooking Foster Lake. Wesleyan College has been blessed beyond measure by your unwavering faithfulness, and we are enormously grateful." His wife of seventy years, Margaret Munroe Thrower '35, died in 2009. Their daughter, Margaret MacCary, currently serves on Wesleyan's board of trustees. The College plans a special tribute to Mr. Thrower during the fall 2014 meeting of the board.



In Memoriam

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| 1931 | Carolyn Channell Webb |
| 1937 | Martha D. Howell |
| 1938 | Louise Wilson Henderson |
| 1939 | Arline Taylor Slack |
| | Martha Zachry Thwaite |
| 1940 | Rosalind Lipscomb Forrest |
| | Jane Bell Schulte |
| 1941 | Betty Neisler King |
| 1942 | Elizabeth Martin Jennings |
| 1943 | Mary Veal Stewart |
| 1944 | Kathryn Terry Hall |
| | Betty Allen Smith |
| 1945 | Irene R. Claxton |
| | Marian Watson Rogero |
| 1946 | Margaret Boyett Arnold |
| | Amy Lou Bishop Henderson |
| | Sarah Clary Kennedy Minchew |
| 1949 | Ada Jane Tompkins Heard |
| 1950 | Sue Marie Thompson Turner |
| | Barbara Ann Swindle Wood |
| 1951 | Mary Frances Ealum Edmondson |
| | Jean Pruett Latta |
| | Mary Ann Causey Miller |
| | Virginia Richardson Morgan |
| | Patricia Wing Srinivas |
| 1952 | Shirley Blitch Brinson |
| | Betty Cox Hood |
| 1953 | Anne Chillrud Forsythe |
| 1954 | Betty Moss Swygert |
| | LaJune Estes Wiggs |
| 1955 | Carolyn Gleaton Cox |
| 1957 | Polly Sharp Benson |
| | Ann Godwin Denham |
| | Sybil Griner Johnston |
| 1958 | Linda Warnock White |
| 1959 | Jane Lowry Caldwell |
| | Charlotte Cooper Feltyberger |
| 1963 | Patricia Casey Benedict |
| 1964 | Helena Anjou Beyer |
| | Charlotte C. Cook |
| | Lanier Fisher |
| | Louise Easley Kelley |
| | Brenda Miller Ragsdale |
| 1967 | Judy Lang Fischer |
| | Sarah Gunter Gulley |
| | Lynda Andrews Highsmith |
| 1968 | Jessica Plapinger DuVal |
| 1969 | Barret Brown |
| 1984 | Linda Marie Hughes |



Class of 1939 (75th reunion)

(L-R) *Mimi Cordes Kelley* and *Barbara Davis Morgan*

Two members of the Class of 1939 shared seventy-five years of "golden" memories at reunion and proudly represented Golden Heart classmates during Alumnae Weekend. **Mimi Cordes Kelly** and **Barbara Davis Morgan** received a standing ovation at the Annual Meeting of the Alumnae Association as members of the oldest class attending reunion.

1930s

Congratulations to **Jean Johnson Givens '35** of Decatur, GA, who celebrated her 100th birthday on February 22, 2014. Jean is a long-time member and past president of the Herb Society of America, Chattahoochee Unit, that helped her celebrate this milestone occasion.

▲ 1939 (75th Reunion)

Mimi Cordes Kelley '39 of Ponte Vedra, FL, reports that Alumnae Weekend was a beautifully organized reunion. "My neighbor Marlene drove me up to Macon and we had fun meeting a lot of Wesleyannes, seeing all the changes on campus, and dining on gourmet food." Mimi enjoyed **President Ruth Knox's** presentation. She says the President makes one feel that we can call her "Ruth!" With more than 500 alumnae and friends on campus, Mimi was proud to see the Class of 1939 heading the list of reunion attendees. "My classmate **Barbara Davis Morgan '39** and I had a delightful mini-reunion at the Sisterhood Luncheon. After lunch, Barbara and her daughter took a campus tour and headed home to Covington, GA, while Marlene and I went south to Florida."

1940s

Fran Callaway McCommon '47 of Macon has a new great-granddaughter. Theresa "Claire"

Younce was born on April 5, 2014, in Nashville, TN, and was named for both of her grandmothers.

According to **Toni Smith Suiter '47**, "All is well in Rocky Mount, NC! I just had my 90th birthday celebration. My children gave me a party for 'just relatives' (35 in all and my husband's at that!). My SC relatives couldn't come. It was a catered dinner at our house where we had lots of fun and young people." Toni enjoys attending alumnae club meetings at the Carolina Country Club in Raleigh.

"I live in a great place near Wesleyan - Carlyle Place," writes **Corky Dessau Holliday '48**. "Many Wesleyan alumnae have retired here including my sister, **Georgann Dessau Blum '47**, and husband Arnold. I enjoy the cultural activities and good musical programs. My daughter lives in Milledgeville and works for GSCW. My son and family live in Hampton, GA."

▲ 1949 (65th Reunion)

Pirates enjoyed a fun-filled 65th with all the trimmings. Donning all things red for the special occasion, '49ers paraded into the Annual Meeting in style and with their usual Pirate flare to take 1st place in reunion class giving with a \$199,102 class gift! Our thanks to Reunion Chair and Class President **Mary Lane Edwards Hartshorn** and to her committee members **Becky Watson Bowdre** and **Pat Johnson Childs** for

making the weekend a special one.

"In the fall of 2014 I will be celebrating two weddings in the family. My oldest son will marry at the age of 63 after being a widower for 25 years. My oldest granddaughter, Claire Asbury, will marry in October," reports **Betty Mackay Asbury '49** of Decatur, GA.

"Life is good! My four children, eight grandchildren and seven great grandchildren all keep me busy. My small town (which is not small any more) has lots of civic activities, etc. I play bridge at an assisted living facility once a week and spend as much time as possible on St. Simons Island," writes **Pat Johnson Childs** of Gray, GA.

"I was excited that there were 13 of us at reunion - not at every event, but as many as we were able! We loved getting together, catching up, and sharing news of those who could not make it. Not in the class picture were **Emmie Carlton Johnson**, **Carolyn Wood Solana**, **Peggy Carswell**, **Janet Kelly Collins** (Cons.) and **Marianne Wooten Dunn** (Cons.). Our guests included Jerry's daughter (Cindy), Emmie's husband (Thomas), Strozier's daughter (Mary Lee), Carolyn's daughter (Debbie), and Betty Asbury's daughter (Mary Lynn). It was inspiring to be at Wesleyan... to see the campus, hear the Wesleyannes sing, see friends from other classes, cheer at the Annual Meeting, and sing the Alma Mater with candles glowing throughout the

auditorium. Wow! We '49ers want to come back every reunion from now on..... 2019 is just too far away!" writes Reunion Chair **Mary Lane Edwards Hartshorn '49** from St. Augustine, FL.

"It was great to see those who came to reunion. We had a wonderful time remembering! I missed seeing classmates **Phyllis Moore Steele** and **Marianne Coleman Whiteway** who were unable to attend," writes **Jane Morgan Hogan '49** of Macon.

Ruby Layson '49 of Frankfort, KY, continues to play and sing with her musical group and is teaching two others to play. In May, she took part in an immigration study in Tucson, AZ, and in Mexico. Ruby also serves on the board of a Christian Muslim organization and was active in planning for its annual meeting in April.

From Marietta, GA, **Nadine Cranmer Read '49** reports that she has five great grandchildren and looks forward to two grandchildren weddings this summer. "Our large family was here at Easter - it's always fun! I attended classmate **Beth Parker Hunt's** funeral in Cedartown - a lovely service. Beth was loved by everyone.

Betty Jane Daniel Robinson '49 hated to miss reunion but felt that Kansas was a little too far away. She looks forward to hearing all the Pirate news from classmates.

Jerrye Griffeth Short '49 of Stone Mountain, GA, has been busy

Class of 1949 (65th reunion)

(L-R) **Row 1:** Jane Morgan Hogan, Pat Johnson Childs, Anne Strozier Threadgill, Becky Watson Bowdre **Row 2:** Nadine Cranmer Read, Betty Mackay Asbury, Jerrye Griffeth Short, Mary Lane Edwards Hartshorn



performing in shows this year with her daughter, Cindy Wood, who is the current Ms. Senior Georgia. "It has really been a blessing in my life!" writes Jerrye, who was the first Ms. Senior Georgia from Wesleyan College. Daughter Cindy enjoyed attending the Golden Belles Luncheon with her mother.

Renee Rousseau Tillery '49 lives in Opelika, AL, and has very fond memories of the Wesleyan Conservatory.

1950s

"My husband, Cleon E. Moore of Tifton, passed away on January 11, 2013," writes **Betty Smith Moore '50**. "We had 36 years of a wonderful and devoted marriage. I am thankful to be at Carlyle Place in Macon."

"Before handwritten letters are completely out of fashion, I would love to receive one from anyone who attended Wesleyan with me in 1950 and 1951!" exclaims **Joan Jennings Norton '53** of Green Cove Springs, FL. "I remember so many students and faculty fondly. It would be delightful to hear from you."

Married 58 years with 14 grandchildren and awaiting her 14th great grandchild, **Joan Pritchard Smith '53** of Savannah, GA, is thriving. "I still walk a mile with husband Bob every morning. I am grateful for our Lord Jesus, for every day, for His love and for the love of family and friends."

▲1954 (60th Reunion)

Many thanks to reunion Chair **Jeannine Hinson Smith**, Co-Chair **Ruth White Fruit** and committee member **Martha Jean Laslie Woodward** for encouraging PKs to return to campus for a sensational 60th! With tiara topped heads and purple attire, the PKs were dressed for reunion success which they achieved at the Annual Meeting when they received 2nd place for class participation (42%) and 3rd place for raising \$92,287 for their class gift! Classmates were proud of one of their own, **Martha Jean Woodward**, who received a 2014 Alumnae Award for Distinguished Service to the Church.

From Hiawassee, GA, **Athelyn Wade Buttrill '54** writes, "This 60th reunion was the first reunion I have not attended! My granddaughter, Cammie, got married and I was at her wedding. I missed being with my Wesleyan classmates and remembering all the wonderful times we had together. What a blessing we enjoy having had the privilege of attending and graduating from 'The Oldest and Best!' I look forward to our 65th!"

Dolores English Davidson '54 of Kalamazoo, MI, misses her husband of 57 years who died in December 2012. Sadly, her youngest son, Bob Davidson, died of cancer in November 2013. Dolores still lives close to her oldest son and his family. (See *Sympathy*)

Nan Miller Freeman '54 of Sparta, GA, had tricuspid valve surgery with ablation in May 2013. "I am blessed with successful surgery and enjoying life again. Praise the Lord!" writes Nan.

"Kudos to the PK Class of 1954 who had 18 attendees and captured 2nd place for class participation, achieving 42% and 3rd place for a class gift amount of \$92,287. I want to thank all of you who helped us get that far. That's the best participation we've ever had. We collected enough money among ourselves to donate a chair to the new chapel in honor of the Class of 1954. Thanks **Jeannine Hinson Smith** for doing such a wonderful job of planning this year's reunion. Congratulations to 'Mar J,' who received the alumnae award," reports **Ruth White Fruit '54**.

Autumn Cook Ireland '54 says "hello" to all of her classmates from her home in Ormond Beach, FL. She celebrated her 81st birthday in March and writes, "Where does all the time go? I keep in touch with my former roomie, **Nan Freeman**, who is recovering from heart valve surgery. I would love to hear from other classmates.

Donnie Donaldson Porterfield '54 lives in Savannah and enjoyed attending reunion. "**Ruth Forehand Miller '54** and I keep the phone lines busy. I saw **Sylvia Crum Evans '54** at our high school reunion. She looked great."

Martha Jean Laslie Woodward '54 of Quincy, FL, was proud to serve as a Candlelighter for her granddaughter, **Adrianne Woodward**, Class of 2014.

My husband, John, died on March 8, 2013," shares **Gail Hollingsworth Rabai '56** of Salem, SC. "We had 33 great years together." (See *Sympathy*)

From Flowery Branch, GA, e-Rep **Julie Adams Hawk '57** writes, "It's been fun keeping in touch with the Class of 1957 via e-mail - just need more time to write to those who don't 'do computer.'" After attending the Golden Belle Luncheon in April 2013 she urges, "Had a ball! Being on campus is great! Join me next time and don't wait until our 60th reunion!"

Sandra Deisch Ringdahl '57 of Williston, FL, took the virtual tour of campus via the internet. She writes, "What a change - for the better - to campus! So proud of Wesleyan! Go Pirates!"

Medra Lott Keyser '58 of Fernandina, FL, reports two new great grandsons born in 2013: Grayson (to grandson Ben and Christina Arnold in Mumbai, India) and Brooks (to grandson Jacob and Megan Arnold in Utah). Brooks joins two older brothers. The "grandparents" are Medra's daughter, **Laura Arnold '79**, and husband Jim.

In January, the Marietta/Cobb Museum of Art presented an exhibit of works by three prominent Georgia artists. **Linda "Lu" McElroy Steed '58** of Atlanta was one of



Class of 1954 (60th reunion)

(L-R) **Row 1:** Ann Parsons Odum, Barbara Norris Brown, Marilyn Bennett Edwards, Donnie Donaldson Porterfield, Jeannine Hinson

Row 2: Harriett Willis Bevil, Joyce Paris, Ruth White Fruit, Margy McCarty Massenburg, Varese Chambless

Row 3: Bonnie Gardner Barnes, Natalie Brewton Barfield, Martha Jean Laslie Woodward, Marcia Mallet Ades, Blaine Ross Shanks

the artists. Lu describes herself as a "contemporary realist" with an eclectic interest in subject matter. Her vividly colored and large-scale acrylic paintings range from portraits to still life to tractor-trailers. Artist Lamar Dodd characterized her paintings as "disciplined statements of life filled with an explosiveness of joy, a personal and profound integrity, and a strong reality."

In February, **Gloria Barwick Szokoly '58** of Cumming, GA, played Ethel Thayer in the Gypsy Theater Company's production of *On Golden Pond* at the Cumming Playhouse.

1959 (55th reunion)

Golden Heart Reunion Chair **Mary Terrell Mitchell** and Class of 1959 committee members **Ludy Banks Peavy**, **Carol King Pope**, and **Kitty Vinson Pullen** set the stage for a weekend of sharing sisterhood with phone calls, letters, and emails inviting classmates back to campus for reunion. At the Annual Meeting class members were proud of their 3rd place status for giving participation (35%) and continued to be proud of the many blessings they have shared throughout the years as alumnae. Carol Pope hosted the class party at her home where conversation turned quickly to children, grandchildren, and even "great grands" in the midst of many other memories of student days at the College.

Anne Swetnam Barton '59 enjoys retirement with her grandchildren. She has moved to a new home in Moncks Corner, SC.

Harriett Johnson Bell '59 just "retired" after 38 years as a volunteer in the intensive care unit at Greenville Memorial Hospital in Greenville, SC.

Marsha Adams Cashin '59 still teaches piano in North Augusta, SC, but makes time to visit daughters and grandchildren in Atlanta and Jacksonville, FL. Our condolences to Marsha on the death of her husband, Gene, in March 2013 (See *Sympathy*)

"It was great to see everybody who came to reunion and to hear about other folks! It helps us to 'age gracefully'. Life after retirement is busier than ever – it's true," writes **Manita Bond Dean '59** of Athens, GA.

Shirley Fincannon '59 of Nashville, TN, received the "Heroes In Our Midst" award for her mentoring role as a Big Sister in the Big Brothers Big Sisters Program and for making a difference in someone's life. "Heros In Our Midst" is a national recognition program of the Greeting Card Association that recognizes one "Hero" each month from around the country. It reinforces the tradition of connecting with others through card sending and encourages Americans everywhere to send cards to community and personal heroes.

Lee Brenaman Holmes '59 of Sedgwick, ME, writes, "Happy

Spring from The Land of Eternal Winter. Our lives, though hunkered down since November, are now popping up through the snow like the hardy snowdrops and crocuses. In June, daughter Kelly and her sweetheart, Wayne, will be married here with all 18 of my wonderful family in attendance - four children, nine grandchildren, and all beloved spouses and significant others. It's the first time we've all been together since each began his/her life exits from Atlanta. We'll sail, kayak, canoe, hike, fish, explore... and generally make boisterous merry! And - oh yes - loudly cheer the bride and groom!"

Pat Moy Ierley '59 made it back for reunion all the way from Cranbury, NJ! She retired from computer programming.

Artist **Carol King Pope '59** was delighted to host the '59 class party at her home. She also participated in the Alumnae Marketplace at Alumnae Weekend and enjoyed sharing artwork with Wesleyannes from all reunion classes.

1960s

From Fuquay Varina, NC, **Nancy Reeder Akins '60** writes that she has four children (twins) and 10 grandchildren (including one set of twins). She was an elementary school teacher for 24 years before retiring in 1998. Nancy's husband died in 1997.

Andrea Morris Gruhl '61 of Columbia, MD, is a busy volunteer.

She is vice president of the League of Women Voters (National Capital Area), a director of League of Women Voters of Maryland, and is director of League of Women Voters of Howard County. Andrea also coordinates Prime Time Society for Seniors at First Lutheran Church in her county.

Sandra Combs Lewis '61 of Macon is celebrating the marriage of her first grandchild - Carla Salvo-Lewis to Benjamin Markovits. Carla is the first daughter of Sandra's daughter, Virginia "Ginny" Susan Lewis, who has learned much about Wesleyan's virtues from her mother.

The WCAA would like to thank **Jackie Turner Bailey '62** of Austell, GA, who chaired the 2014 Celebration Concert during Alumnae Weekend.

Carol Anne Rollins Harrison '62 of Blairsville, GA, looks forward to a family reunion in June 2014. "We are hosting all of our family for a week at North Myrtle Beach, SC. There will be 21 (ages 2-77). We are anxious to see all of the family!"

Marybelle Proctor Menzel '62 and husband Bob, of Littleton CO, visited with **Charlotte Jolley Hale '62** and **Rhoda Morrison Joyner '62** and their husbands in January. The Menzels also attended "January Adventure" - a gathering at Epworth By the Sea on St. Simons Island, GA. In December, Marybelle connected with area Wesleyannes at an alumnae holiday tea hosted by **Patricia Shriver Mancuso '60** in Littleton.

Class of 1959 (55th reunion)

(L-R) **Row 1:** Helen Poole Fontseré, Carol King Pope, Anne Lee Alley Earnshaw, Julie Elliott Greer **Row 2:** Manita Bond Dean, Margie Hendrex Barden, Carolyn Wade Barry, Ludy Banks Peavy, Kitty Vinson Pullen, Sylvia Anderson Powell **Row 3:** Pat Moyer Ierley, Harriett Johnson Bell, Mary Terrell Mitchell, Janice Fender Griffin



Ben Hughes, 10-year-old grandson of **Mary Goss Hughes '63** of Auxvasee, MO, had the time of his life at the Winter Olympic Games in February. Ben was diagnosed with leukemia in 2010 and attended the Olympics as part of Make-a-Wish Foundation's party in Sochi. His dream was to see his hero, Shaun White, Olympic gold medalist in the halfpipe. Little did Ben know that his dream of just seeing White compete would turn into an "up close and personal experience" when White jumped over a barricade after being interviewed by reporters to personally meet with Ben and another Make-A-Wish fan after hearing they were there to see him.

▲ 1964 (50th Reunion)

Members of the Class of 1964 are still *Great Green Knights*, whose presence on campus always makes a statement for the strength of sisterhood! Celebrating *50 Shades of Green*, the newest Golden Belle Class led the Parade of Classes with spirit and finesse and with **Suzanne Gosnell Joye, Fran Strickland Masse, and Mary Russell George** serving as Grand Marshals. Many thanks to Reunion Chair **Carol "Moon" Burt**, Co-Chair **Sissy Sims**, and Reunion Committee members **Mary George, Suzanne Joye, Fran Masse, and Linda Maria Willson** for making a fabulous 50th even more fabulous! GKs cheered at the annual meeting when they received

1st place for having the highest giving participation rate of all classes at 57%, and cheered again when their class gift was announced - \$45,000 raised for Pierce Chapel and \$125,000 raised since their last reunion! Foster Lake was the favorite GK weekend hangout where special memories still stood the test of time. **Dottie Groh Cutler** and **Glenda Barrett Bull** co-chaired the Celebration Concert that showcased talented '64 musicians **Frances White Skogland** and **Loutricia Carter Stephens**. **Mary Helen Pope Daniel** coordinated a special *Morning Watch* worship service that concluded a very meaningful weekend.

Peggy Pierce Chandler '64 of Bluffton, SC, is a proud grandmother. "My daughter and son-in-law, Jeanine and John Ferguson, recently adopted twin boys from Bulgaria. The boys turned 3 in February and live in Holland, MI."

Joyce Cochran '64 of Beaver, OR, was sorry to have missed reunion. She writes, "Thanks for all **Moon Burt** does for good 'ole Wesleyan! Moon keeps us remembering we are really still Green Knights at heart! The reunion sounded like it was great fun!"

"After being absent from the stage for several years, I was pleased to have a character role in a local production of *Our Town* in February," reports **Mary Russell "Rusty" George '64**.

Mary Helen Johnson '64 of Cumming, GA, has enjoyed being retired since May 2013. "I retired from Wesleyan School after 31 years. My husband, Marvin, passed away January 31, 2014. Our 50th anniversary would have been June 13." (See *Sympathy*)

Rebecca Johnson Ingram '64 of Covington, GA, has an update for classmates. "After the death of my first husband, God put me with a wonderful man and we married in 2000. We both love music and travel. We are 'Gospel Group Groupies' because we have driven as far as NC to hear a gospel group and this will be our 4th year to attend the National Quartet Convention. After I retired from librarian work we traveled extensively. Our trips now are to visit my son, Paul, and his family in Texas. Paul married a soccer pro (Marci Miller) and they co-coach the Baylor women's soccer team. The rest of 'our' seven grown children live within driving distance from us. Between us, we are grandparents of 17. Being with Bennie I certainly agree with the saying 'Grow old with me, the best is yet to be.'"

Classmates were delighted to see **Elaine Kaloostian Hall '64** who lives in Riverside, CA. Elaine retired in 2002 as deputy director of planning and community development from Orange County. She has one son, two grandchildren, and reports, "I attended Wesleyan for 3 semesters and moved to California in 1962 due

to my father's transfer." Elaine earned a B.A. at University of California at Riverside and was first employed as a children's services social worker. She also has a M.A. in human resources management from Redlands University.

"Our reunion was fabulous! Don and I had such a good time with all of you. I especially enjoyed sitting down by Foster Lake in the cool shade listening to all the conversation. We were all 'girls' again weren't we? I loved *Morning Watch* and Mary Helen's sermon. All participants did a wonderful job. I look forward to another pilgrimage next year - now that we are Golden we can come back for reunion every year (doesn't have to be a special occasion, although any time we get together it will be just that!). I love all of my sisters! Go Green Knights Class of '64," writes **Virginia Mitchell Hutcheson '64**.

"**Carol Burt '64**, aka "**Moon**," was an amazing organizer for our class reunion, aka "herding cats." Her dedication, time, and spirit for all things Wesleyan and for the Class of 1964 are extraordinary. Thank you, Moon!" writes **Margaret Freeman Patterson '64** of Atlanta.

Barclay Stith Rybarczyk '64 is glad to be back in Georgia after 30 years in Buffalo (the frozen North). "I live in Oxford, near Conyers where my sisters live. I would love to hear from or visit with Wesleyannes of all ages." Barclay's husband died in February 2013. (See *Sympathy*)



Class of 1964 (50th reunion)

(L-R) **Row 1:** Susan Lillyman Hyland, Rosalyn Moyer Forsyth, Madelaine Mackoul Cosgrove, Lucy Guggenheimer-Ross, Mary Jo Moody, Elaine Kaloostian Hall, Sally Hutchinson Vermillion, Marilyn McRae Kitchens, Carol "Moon" Burt, Loutricia Carter Stephens **Row 2:** Susu Monteith, Peggy Pierce Chandler, Suzanne Whidden Pennington, Suzanne Gosnell Joye, Betty Sue Williams Levins, Judy McConnell Jolly, Lorinda Lou Beller, Brenda Jones Bradford, Fran Strickland Masse, Mary Helen Hall Ringe **Row 3:** Amy Meyer Stokes, Mary Helen Pope Daniel, Agnes Albright, Gena Sewell Davidson, Martha Simmons Woodall, Paula McWhorter Judd, Glenda Barrett Bull **Row 4:** Linda Maria Willson, Linda Eaker Hall, Leba Rice Goode, Nancy Van Aken Marti, Virginia Mitchell Hutcheson, Frances White Skoglund, Dottie Groh Cutler, Mary Russell George

"This was my first reunion and I had a blast! My only regret is that I did not start 45 years earlier. You who have been putting off going, please give it a try next year (I'll be back). It doesn't matter that you won't recognize anybody, they may not recognize you either (that happened to me). I can't wait to see the DVD. Thank you, everyone, who made this such a fun and memorable weekend," writes **Frances White Skoglund '64** from Live Oak, FL.

"What a marvelous 50th Reunion! Even the weather was perfect! There were so many highlights—certainly the concert was at the top, along with reminiscing by the lake; singing/crying during "Moon River" at lunch; Agnes' contribution of '50 Shades of Green' to our theme; **Suzanne** and **Sally** attending a British Lit class; reconnecting with everyone; Virginia trapped between Wortham and Persons; and *Morning Watch* by **Mary Helen Pope Daniel** to end the perfect weekend. Most of all thanks to **Moon** – we love you," writes **Sally Hutchinson Vermillion '64**.

A retrospective art exhibition of the work of **Catharine Burns Liles '66/'79** of Macon was held at Wesleyan from January 23 through March 7. Students, members of the Macon community, and friends of the College were invited to a reception on opening night. Catharine also spoke to students about her work as an artist. Catharine's sister **Hazel Burns Struby '74** said their mother, the

late **Hazel Holmes Burns '41**, would have been very proud.

"I finally retired from my 23-year job as associate librarian in December," writes **Sandra LaMontagne Binkley '67** of Fruit Heights, UT. "My oldest daughter, Erin, an OB/GYN physician, accepted a three-year fellowship to the University of Vermont where she and her husband, David, an optometrist, have moved and taken two of my grandchildren."

Gail Carrington Goldberg '67 of Roswell, GA, is a retired Kindergarten teacher who volunteers for Therapy Dogs International (TDI) as a "Tail Waggin' Tutor." She helps children throughout Georgia improve their reading skills by allowing kids to read literacy books to therapy dogs. She and her rescued Great Pyrenees dog, Biscuit, enjoy helping children build confidence as readers. Gail is the author of *Animals A-Z: Poems for Early Readers* that she illustrated with paintings inspired by pictures of her visits with Biscuit. She also educates children about dogs and dog safety. Check out Gail's website: www.gailgoldberg.com and the feature article on her work in the 2014 February edition of *Northside Woman*, a publication that focuses on news for women in the Northern Atlanta area.

"My son got promoted to LTC at the Pentagon and was selected for Command! Mom is going to DC to help with Logistics!" writes **Sara Hall Sawyer '67** of Covington, Ga.

Sara's daughter, **Grace Sawyer '07**, is also a Golden Heart like her mom.

"I think the last issue of the *Wesleyan Magazine* was the best ever! I really liked all the history of the campus buildings and especially the articles by **Tena Roberts '60**," writes **Beth Rogero Bowen '68**, from St. Augustine, FL. (See *Sympathy*)

After 26 years at the University of North Carolina at Charlotte, **Dr. Vicki Page Jaus '68** retired in December.

▲ 1969 (45th Reunion)

The Pirate Class of 1969 returned to campus in record numbers and set anchor at Wesleyan for a weekend of celebrating the power of red.

Dell Hitchcock Bailey served as reunion chair and **Sharon Malone Boyd**, **Emily Vardaman Adams**, **Dianne Carstarphen Bowman**, and **Susan Byrd Mathews** made up the rest of the pirate crew. At the Annual Meeting pirate pride took center stage when classmates cheered for **Judy Haisten Gattis** who received a 2014 Alumnae Award for Distinguished Service to the Church, and when the Class received 2nd place for their class gift of \$108, 805! Decked out in classic pirate jewelry, class members shared 45 years of memories during reunion – enough to keep them afloat until the BIG 50!

The Class of 1969 was well represented at reunion this year. We had 43 classmates registered and we even had three classmates return to

attend their first reunion! A good time was had by all," reports Reunion Chair **Dell Hitchcock Bailey**. "I wish to thank my Co-Chair, **Diana Hall Richardson**. She made us all look good with our skull & crossbone jewelry. Special thanks also to the committee for making all those phone calls and helping with our Friday night party. Thanks **Sharon Malone Boyd**, **Emily Vardaman Adams**, **Dianne Carstarphen Bowman**, and **Susan Byrd Mathews**. Dianne was so gracious to host our class at her club house. Susan was not able to attend, and we missed her!"

Lou Semler Boyes '69 lives in Juno Isles, FL, where she is "happily retired now and expecting grandchildren." Lou says she loves the freedom of cultural travels.

Retired teacher **Ann Reaves Burr '69** enjoys life in Buckhannon, WV.

Patricia Pace Fordham '69 of Elko, GA, has been teaching Pre-K for 17 years. She also teaches ballet, tap, and jazz for a Christian performing arts academy after school. Since her last reunion, Tricia has been on two mission trips to Nicaragua. She also plays drums and sings with her church praise team. Tricia enjoyed bringing her granddaughter to *Welcome to Wesleyan Weekend* in February to see STUNT.

Carol Broome Fraune '69 of Washington, NC, is retired. She was an adjunct instructor and music broadcaster with Pamlico CC/Public Radio East.

Class of 1969 (45th reunion)

(L-R) **Row 1:** Betsy Dasher, Nancy Greer, Pamela Newton Smith, Sally Blake Hodo, Carol Broome Fraune, Diana Hall Richardson, Judy Haisten Gattis, Dell Hitchcock Bailey, Sharon Malone Boyd **Row 2:** Dianne Carstarphen Bowman, Nan Pelle Wuller, Kaye Moses Penzell, Melissa Lane Thomas, Emily Vardaman Adams, Judy Davis DeLoach, Patricia Pace Fordham, Alice Peninger Beasley, Betty Hood Lydick, Ann Beard Shahid, Angela Fulton Kirby **Row 3:** Pat Ondo Snyder, Cathy Mettetal Caskey, Susan Ewing Maddox, Gale Jasiewicki Higbee, Susan Isaacs Dodson, Dale Parker Craig, Elizabeth Sorrells, Emmaline Haddle Pursley, Ann Reaves Burr **Row 4:** Ann Kinnick Keane, Linda Smith Gregg, Susan Rogers Mills, Marian Rivers Phalin, Sally Kohlbacker Oliver, Diane Harrison Smith, Dot Smith Stewart, Karen Garr, Suzanne Woodham Juday



Susan Ewing Maddox '69 lives in Macon. She has a WESLEYAN FIRST that began in 1988 when she started to lead a support group for people with chronic fatigue syndrome/fibromyalgia. The 26-year-old group still meets.

Linda Rich '69 of Honolulu, HI, recently received The Salvation Army's Award for Excellence in Social Work for the Western Territory, which includes 13 states in the Western USA. On that note she'll be retiring at the end of this year. In September, Linda traveled to London and Paris and took a river cruise through Normandy.

According to **Diana Hall Richardson '69** of Columbus, GA, "It's always great to gather with classmates!" Diana reports a fun retirement involving four grandchildren (the newest - Tyler in 2012) and traveling with husband Fred.

Dotti Smith Stewart '69 retired in July 2013 as a pastor in the United Methodist Church, serving in West Virginia. She has a WESLEYAN FIRST as the first woman minister to serve at eight churches to which she was appointed. Now she plans to write a mystery or crime novel! We send sympathy to Dotti on the death of her husband, Carl Lee Stewart, who died in September 2013. (See *Sympathy*)

Barbara Marble Tagg '69 is the conductor of Syracuse University Women's Choir. In July 2013 she presented a research paper at the Phenomenon of Singing Symposium

in St. John's, Newfoundland, Canada. "I will present at the Chorus America National Conference in Washington, DC in June. In March, SU Women's Choir was guest artist with Symphoria," reports Barbara from her home in Camillus, NY.

1970s

Having retired from Bibb County Schools in December 2007, **Dr. Margaret Arnold Jackson '70** of Forsyth, GA, worked part-time from 2008-2012 at the Georgia Academy for the Blind. She fully retired in December of 2012 and loves it. The WCAA sends condolences to Margaret on the recent deaths of her mother, **Margaret Boyett "Sis" Arnold '46** (January 4, 2014) and brother, William Franklin Arnold, Jr. (April 10, 2014). (See *Sympathy*)

Congratulations to Wesleyan Trustee **Susan Pyeatt Kimmey '71** of Atlanta, who is the new chair of the Wesleyan College Board of Trustees. Susan will serve a three-year term.

"My friends from the Class of '71: Georgia, Rafalar, Cathy, Dee, Lynne, and Merrye, are still my dear, close friends with whom I stay in contact on a regular basis!" writes **Jean Reed Woodward '71** of Birmingham, AL. Jean also shares news of her marriage to Robert Woodward in a beautiful outdoor venue on the Cahaba River in November 2013. "My hometown and Wesleyan classmate **Diane (Dee) Wilkins Ivey '71** was there, as was my Wesleyan roommate **Cathy**

Massengill Barnett '71 of Nashville, TN!" (See *Marriages*)

"After a hiatus of many years from creating art, I am producing and two of my works were accepted in a juried competition," writes **Kasse Andrews-Weller '72** of Washington, D.C. EMULSION opened at GalleryO and was on display through January 2014. "Thanks to the inspiration of Plum, Isaacson, and Crist, and those many nights in the art building, the drive is alive!"

▲1974 (40th Reunion)

Can-it-really-be-our-40th-reunion? The Class of 1974 PKs returned to Wesleyan to find out that 40 can be fun! Class party hostess and Reunion Chair **Hazel Burns Struby** invited classmates to her home after a dishing-out-the-news dinner at Outback. Dressed in purple and lavender hues for the weekend, the class posed for a classic photo and had even more fun with their new reunion mascot, Lavender "Lavie" McKnight (check out her facebook page!)

"I am editor of *SCBIZ* magazine, which covers economic development across the state of South Carolina. I also am special projects editor for *SC Biz News*, a business-to-business publication company with offices in Columbia, Charleston, and Greenville, SC. I project-manage, edit, and write for custom publications for businesses, economic development and nonprofit organizations. My

youngest son, Rhett Morgan Jackson, will graduate in May from Duke University with a bachelor's degree in neuroscience," writes **Licia Drinnon Jackson '74**.

Since her retirement three years ago, **Judy Hoffman '74** of St. Petersburg, FL, has been traveling - to Italy and Argentina so far. She looks forward to upcoming trips to Peru and France this year.

Gwen Ingram Kedzierski '74 retired recently. She and husband Chet still call Bradenton, FL, home. They have two children and one granddaughter.

Retired physician **Connie Crauswell Kempf '74** has two children. Daughter Marie Kempf Burton married Ryan Burton in April 2013. Son David is a private pilot and woodworker/ furniture maker. Sadly, Connie's husband, Jack Kempf, died in October 2013 of pancreatic cancer. (See *Sympathy*)

Pat Stillwagon Kessler '74 is a "happily retired" Fed Ex airline pilot. She has a WESLEYAN FIRST as probably the first Wesleyanne to become a pilot for a major airline. Pat is a certified Tai Chi (Wu-style) instructor who teaches part time. An author/co-author of two books, *How to Deal with a Horse* and *Chi Kung - Training for Life, Health, and Energy*, Pat is working on another Tai Chi instruction book. She writes, "In my very limited free time, I wrangle chickens! Last year I enjoyed my second trip to the Galapagos Islands."



Class of 1974 (40th reunion)

(L-R) **Row 1:** Gwen Ingram Kedzierski, Judy Hoffman; Sandra Duke Sallee, Patricia Stillwagon Kessler, Penny Thomas **Row 2:** Connie Crauswell Kempf, Martha Johnson, Debbie Doyle Edenfield, Hazel Burns Struby, Licia Drinnon Jackson **Row 3:** Beverly Hinely MacMahon, Becca Watson Dempsey, Elizabeth Bridge Risch, Carol Brown Sherrod, Marti Andrews Willis

Kathy Russell Leysath '74 of Evans, GA, graduated early in 1973 but considers herself a '74 PK. "PKs all the way!"

Beverly Hinely MacMahon '74 is a retired school psychologist. She spends her time in Punta Gorda, FL, playing French horn in the Charlotte County Concert Band, serving as co-captain of her tennis team, and cruising with husband Mark on their American Tug 34. They went on an African Safari in 2013 to celebrate their 40th wedding anniversary.

Elizabeth "Betty" Bridge Risch '74 of West Sacramento, CA, says she is "just happy to be here!" Elizabeth's husband, Steven, died on April 18, 2013. (See *Sympathy*)

So glad to see the PKs who were at reunion," writes **Sandra Duke Sallee '74**. Sandra is a retired librarian (in 2005 from the Georgia Public school system). She enjoys visiting her children and reports, "No grandchildren yet but I have lots of grand dogs and cats!"

Rev. Felecia Pearson Smith '74 of Atlanta was sorry to miss reunion. "I trust that my 40th reunion was a success!" Felecia also shares her WESLEYAN FIRST story. "Wesleyan during the 70s was an interesting time for me. I grew and I was stretched. I am thankful for men like Dr. Harry Gilmer, Dr. Walter Brown, and Dr. Jacob Quiambo. I entered seminary because of these men and started my journey to being the first African American woman

to graduate with a Master of Divinity from the Candler School of Theology, Emory University. Dr. Brown took me and another student to Emory and my journey started. It was not an easy journey, but because of their support in those early and trying years at Wesleyan, I was able to navigate turbulent waters."

Hazel Burns Struby '74 lives in Gray, GA, and works at Central Georgia Technical College in Macon as assistant vice-president for academic affairs. Our thanks to Hazel for serving as her class reunion chair.

Penny Thomas '74 lives in Newnan, GA, and works in Sharpsburg, GA, as a music teacher and national board certified teacher at Thomas Crossroads Elementary. Her spare time is devoted to her jewelry business, Blue Melody Designs. Penny also sold her jewelry at the Alumnae Marketplace during reunion.

Tina Farkas Williams '74 of Tallahassee, FL, misses her mother, **Betty Anderson Farkas '42**, who died peacefully in her sleep on October 14, 2013. Granddaughter Elizabeth Hollingsworth Hages and great granddaughter Colette Hollingsworth Hages also miss her dearly. (See *Sympathy*, Winter 2013)

"Wesleyan connections are strong! We recently reunited with two Janes - **Jane Kirkland Carter '76** and **Jane Gregg Wehrle '76** - in Boston with their husbands. Both visits

were so special and very long in coming" writes **Patti Henry '76** from Wellesley, MA.

Janet Rumler Brooks '78 of Simpsonville, SC, will retire in June 2014 after 34 years of teaching children. "I am looking forward to hanging out with my husband, Ron. We want to travel and spend time with family."

"With our children grown and most of the grandchildren as well, we spend a great deal of time traveling - seeing the rest of the USA and as much of the world as possible," reports **Mary McMillan Mancin '78** of Bartow, GA.

1979 (35th Reunion)

Golden boas and Hollywood sunglasses adorned members of the Class of 1979 who pushed the meaning of fashion forward to the max during Alumnae Weekend. Reunion Chair **Jackie Webb Bullard** and reunion committee members **Nadine Cheek**, **Sally Anderson Hemingway**, and **Kay Appling King** pulled out all the stops to get a record crowd of GHs back to campus. Classmates applauded **Nadine Cheek's** performance at the Celebration Concert and gave a GH "shout out" when recognized at the Annual Meeting. Celebrating 35 years of sisterhood with back-to-back parties at La Quinta Inn never felt better, and classmates reported their "jade" reunion as one of their "best reunions ever!"

"We were blessed in December 2013 with a beautiful granddaughter! She makes us smile everyday," reports **Lynne Anthoine Hueglin '79** from Roanoke, VA.

"After an 18 year career in the corporate world, I retired to raise my two daughters. Both are graduating this May - Hayley from Samford University and Ashley from Wesleyan School. Ashley will attend Clemson University in the fall. Jim and I are looking forward to being empty-nesters! I have been a 2nd grade teaching assistant at Wesleyan School in Norcross, GA, for the past eight years and have taught with **Mary Helen Johnson '64**," writes **Judy Sanders Hughes '79**. Judy has a WESLEYAN FIRST as the first woman director of risk management - BellSouth Corporation (1989-1998).

Rebecca Tuten McClain '79 is the CFO for Savannah-Chatham County Public Schools. She also serves as organist at St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church. Husband Ray is active as a timpanist for the Savannah Philharmonic and plays for other area musical organizations. They have two sons, Chris (24), who starts police academy training soon, and Matthew (19), who plays electric guitar and works in the food industry.

Natalie Anderson Rauch '79 traveled from Kansas to Georgia to be with her Wesleyan sisters! Her husband serves as an Army chaplain stationed at Ft. Riley.

Class of 1979 (35th reunion)

(L-R) **Row 1:** Natalie Anderson Rauch, Nadine Cheek, Lou Bender, Kay Appling King, Linda Chastain Rowe **Row 2:** Amy Miller Braun, Linda Stewart Scott, Cindi Mercer Riley, Lee Lee Seabrook, Judy Sanders Hughes, Rebekah Tuten McClain, Jackie Webb Bullard **Row 3:** Robbie Edge Stancil, Catherine Hays Sauter, Sally Anderson Hemingway, Anita Marchman, Theresa McKenna, Sarah Johnston Miller, Loisanne Tatum Robins **Row 4:** Katherine Breland Bradley, Gail Bacon Ford, Denise Sarver Jewell, Carol Ake, Sherrie Shellard O'Hara, Lauretta Elliott Garrett, Lynne Anthoine Hueglin, Margaret Dilbeck Garland



Loisanne Tatum Robins '79 of Englewood, FL, will retire in June 2014 after teaching choral music for 35 years in Florida – the last 18 years at the Pine View School for the Gifted. Her current high school choir gave a concert at Carnegie Hall in March. Loisanne has a WESLEYAN FIRST as the first choral director at the Pine View School!

Linda Chastain Rowe '79 is the office manager at Lawrenceville First Christian Church and lives in Dacula, GA.

"We live in San Antonio, TX, compliments of the U.S. Army. My husband, Art, will retire in the next couple of years and we'll stay in TX. I 'retired' from teaching in 2001 and have enjoyed volunteering in our church and with the military community. Daughter Valerie has our grandson, Toby (3 1/2), and is expecting our 2nd grandchild in October. Son Andrew is getting married this summer," reports **Linda Stewart Scott '79**.

1980s

In June, the Golden Isles YMCA held its annual Tribute to Women Leaders luncheon at the Jekyll Island Convention Center where **Rhonda Helton Hambright '82** of St. Simons Island, GA, was honored. YMCA member **Debbie Hackett Brown '90** of Brunswick, GA, writes "I am so proud that a Wesleyanne was among this year's group of honorees."

▲ 1984 (30th Reunion)

It was a "Hoddy Toddy" weekend for the Class of 1984 when they returned to Wesleyan for Alumnae Weekend. Our thanks to Reunion Chair **Patricia Sterling Brzezinski**, and to Co-Chair **Jo Duke**, who also keep the class facebook page updated with reunion news. **Amanda Jacobs** received the 2014 Alumnae Award for Distinguished Achievement in a Profession and wrote a musical score based on a poem by **Kay Stripling Byer '66** that was performed during the Celebration Concert. Class parties returned to favorite reunion haunts - Gray Goose and CJ's Sports Bar and Grille – where classmates celebrated with GK "tales of old."

"It is with great sorrow that we lost my sister, **Linda Hughes '84**, early in January," writes **Celia Hughes Hohnadel '86** of Warner Robins, GA. "Those of you who knew her know what a happy soul she was and how much her presence will be missed. Linda spent her whole life teaching others and medically retired from the Bibb County School System after 27 years. Her family wants to thank all of you who kept in touch with her to the end, sending words of encouragement and love." (See *Sympathy*)

Leesa D. Akins '87 and Roger L. Flora were married on March 8, 2014, in the Kellett Chapel of Peachtree Presbyterian Church. A reception followed and was held at 103 West in Atlanta. The

couple enjoyed their honeymoon in Barcelona and Paris, where Roger had proposed in July 2013 at the top of the Eiffel Tower! The Floras' now reside in Atlanta. (See *Marriages*)

Amanda Blakey Jacobsen '88 of Canton, GA is a new mother. "Kathleen Anne (named for my now-deceased mother) was born September 27, 2013. In March, Kathleen and I enjoyed attending the *Sisterhood Social* in Atlanta. (See *Births*)

▲ 1989 (25th Reunion)

What do you get when you mix silver and red? A perfect *Red Pirate Silver Anniversary Reunion*! Thanks to Reunion Chair **Tracy Ward Tilley**, Pirates set sail from around the country to return to campus and reconnect with classmates. Talented musicians **Denise Cheek Brown** (soprano) and **Julia Baker Huster** (piano) teamed up at the Celebration Concert to the delight of class members. **Debbie Stevenson Moses** received the 2014 Alumnae Award for Distinguished Service to Wesleyan, amidst Pirate cheers and tears. The class party was the perfect place to experience even more treasured moments of Wesleyan friendship. 25 years? Who's counting!

Terri Futch Blocker '89 of Glennville, GA, aka "Chaw" enjoyed catching up with dear Pirate friends at reunion. She and husband Adrian will celebrate 25 years of marriage on

June 11th. Son Dan (20) is at Georgia Southern University majoring in computer science. Son Drew (16) is 6'5" and 320 and has finally decided to play on his varsity football team - stay tuned for a State Championship! Daughter **Tori** (14) plays softball and is contemplating whether or not Wesleyan will be the place for her. Terri still teaches 5th grade science at Reidsville Elementary. Last year she was chosen as a WTOC Top Teacher. She is excited about Tattnall county twins, Valerie and Victoria Clower, playing softball for the Wesleyan Wolves this fall. Terri brought them to scholarship weekend where they were both awarded scholarships!

Susan Fay Flowers '89 and husband Ed of Bradenton, FL, enjoyed some extra time at reunion with **Tanya Wade '89** and husband Jonathan. "We introduced Jonathan to a Gooseburger at the Grey Goose!" writes Susan. Susan has a WESLEYAN FIRST - as the first Wesleyanne to qualify and compete for a spot on the American Kennel Club's Team USA that competes in Europe at the World Agility Championships. Ed, Susan, and their cocker spaniel "Boxster" flew to Minnesota the weekend after reunion for the tryouts. Although they didn't make the team, it was rewarding to do well and to compete in such an exciting environment. Mom **Sally Bone Fay '65**, and several Pirate classmates watched on the live stream and cheered for them. Susan looks forward to returning to the tryouts again next year.



Class of 1984 (30th reunion)

(L-R) **Row 1:** Carswell Hannon Patterson, Connie Averett, Patricia Sterling Brzezinski, Debbie McGee Ambrose **Row 2:** Connie Evans, Rhonda K. Davis, Amanda Jacobs, Loretta Pinkston

1990s

Kym Preuss-Lukosky '90 of Redmond, WA, accepted a new role at Microsoft Corporation as senior product manager of mobility for Microsoft IT. Kym is active on Facebook and LinkedIn and wants to connect with all her Wesleyan sisters!

"After seven years here in Canada, I'm finally settling into winter! I love living here and my passion for my job as director of international marketing for Scotiabank grows every day. My passport is as busy as ever - for both work and play. I hope it brings me back to Macon soon!" reports **Tina Davis '92** from Toronto, ON.

"I am the director of alumni development at Armstrong Atlantic State University in my hometown of Savannah. I recently became engaged to an old high school sweetheart," writes **Cheryl Anderson '93**.

▲1994 (20th Reunion)

PK'94 Reunion Chair **Valerie Knopik** welcomed classmates back to campus for a we-still-wear-purple-well weekend. Lavender shawls for class photos and shades of purple popped up all weekend long as classmates dressed for a Friday night party at Idle Hour Country Club hosted by **Tina Gann** and **Mary Cay White McCullough '93**, and a Saturday get-together at the historic home of Doug and **Nikki Collins**

MacMillan. Careers, family, life happenings, PK memories, and more were hot topics throughout weekend, as was the PK parting question - Are we really ready for our 25th?

Life in Trinity, FL, is good for Richard and **Jill Hauver Celeste '94** and their two sons, Anthony (14) and Joe (12). Jill works as a personal branding/business/marketing coach (www.YourBrandingPower.com). She helps entrepreneurs and career professionals learn to master social media and grow strong personal brands that will attract new clients, secure better job offers, and make more money. Jill is the author of *Your Branding Power Workbook for Success*.

Melissa McKenzie Crowder '94 of Gastonia, NC, enjoyed her 20th PK reunion "with lots of wonderful memories."

Lee Twombly '94 and Eric Robert Olson married on February 9, 2014. The wedding was at St. Innocent Orthodox Church in Macon. (See *Marriages*)

"I am a counselor at Stratford Academy in Macon, where I work with Upper School. It's a great fit because I work with teens on issues such as stress, adjustment, or time management, and don't have to do college counseling or standardized testing. I currently hold a LAPC and NCC license and hope to apply for full-licensure (LPC) this fall," writes **Jaqui Dravis Wilson '94**.

▲1999 (15th Reunion)

The Class of 1999 paraded into the Annual Meeting ready to celebrate sisterhood under the leadership of Reunion Chair **Dana Karstensen-Bryan**, whose hard work led to a record GH turnout. GH spirit rallied all weekend long with spontaneous "shout outs" to 15 years of golden memories. Classmates recaptured more memories at a favorite student party place - Ingleside Village Pizza. The weekend pilgrimage back to where it all began proved that Golden Hearts are still "winners from the start!"

My husband, Philip, and I welcomed little #4 last year so we now have a full house with Emma (10 and c/o '25 Pirate), Keffor (6), Cullum (4), and Sullivan (1)! We live in Ringgold, just south of Chattanooga, TN, and we love this area. I work for the Chattanooga Hotel, a beautiful urban getaway, and my husband works for a local TV station, writes **Heather Beene Booker '99**.

"I bit the bullet and finally got married! I wed Ms. Christine Wheat on 3/6/2014 in Silver Spring, MD, in a quiet and private ceremony. We plan on having a big celebration with family and friends on 3/7/2015 in Las Vegas, NV, and hope to see quite a few alumnae there," writes **Bingle Brown '99**.

Amy-Christine Vinson Smith '99 congratulates classmate **Nicole Miller Jablonski '99** on the birth of her first daughter, Peyton Reese Jablonski, on October 24, 2014. (See *Births*)

2000s

March 2014 was a memorable month for **Yanira Chevere '01** of Austell, GA. She married Brandi L. Ralston in a lovely beach ceremony in Rehoboth Beach, DE, and completed her 2nd full marathon. (See *Marriages*)

Tonya Parker Outley '01 is the director of education for Tubman African American Museum in Macon.

Sarah Chandler '02 of Marietta, GA, is a cover girl! Check out the February 2014 edition of *Northside Woman*, a publication for women in the North Atlanta area, to see Sarah and to read about her role in promoting arts and literacy as the new coordinator of the Roswell Cultural Arts Center (CAC). Sarah brings a lifelong love of theatre to her work. She worked on every play produced by the theatre department for four years at Wesleyan, then earned a degree in theatre management from Virginia Tech. She brings 11 years experience working nationally and internationally in stage management to the CAC, where she is especially proud of a new endeavor, LIVE! In Roswell - a concert and performing arts series that began last fall. Sarah hopes to connect with other arts groups in Metro Atlanta with the goal of making CAC "a hub and incubator for the arts in North Fulton."

Class of 1989 (25th reunion)

(L-R) **Row 1:** Penny Whitley Windham, Denise Cheek Brown, Donna Carole Stribling Kitchens, Susan Fay Flowers, Jennifer Kane Chacosky, Tracy Ward Tilley **Row 2:** Monnie Asbell Parrish, Debbie Stevenson Moses, Julia Baker Huster, Tanya Wade, Serena Hunt Webb **Row 3:** Geovette Washington, Tyrene House Neil, Mary Beth Brown Swearingen, Ashley Jones Childers **Row 4:** Pamela Hissing Jacobson, Michelle Chance-Sangthong, Terri Futch Blocker, Kristin Claus, Kathy Smith Foster



2004 (10th Reunion)

Reunion was "Great and Green" for members of the Class of 2004, thanks to Reunion Co-Chairs **Katie Crozier-Theis, Emily Dukes LeVan** and **Jessica Spurlock**. GKs gathered for a class party at Springhill Suites, where late night "ten-year-catch-up" sisterhood sessions were all about careers, family, friends - and all things green! To top off a terrific 10th **Jamila Thompson** performed a monologue at the Celebration Concert to the delight of classmates.

Mary Kathryn Borland '04 lives in New Orleans, LA, and works as the assistant athletic director and senior women's administrator at Southeastern Louisiana University.

"It was great to see my classmates. We have shared so much together and to see them now - AMAZING!" writes **Anna Cornelious '04** from Atlanta. Anna is an environmental engineer for the U.S. EPA, where she provides technical support to the southeastern states. She earned a B.A. in chemistry from Wesleyan and an M.A. in environmental engineering from Clemson University. Anna received a national award from the White House/EPA HQ for community engagement and technical support for an environmental justice community.

Bethany Dale '04 lives in Roslindale, MA. She married Corey Schiller on September 17, 2011. Currently, Bethany is attending the School of Nursing at Northeastern University.

Lauren Eckman '04 is a teacher of the blind and visually impaired at the Georgia Academy for the Blind in Macon. Lauren was selected 2013 Georgia Teacher of the Year and was appointed as a commissioner on the Georgia Professional Standards Commission.

In Macon, **Katy Hays '04** works as a claims adjuster for GEICO. She received her M.S. in psychology from University of Phoenix.

"I am grateful to be among fellow beautiful and successful young women. Our class has achieved numerous milestones in family and career. I am a licensed master social worker (in the field for more than seven years) and work as a forensic specialist social worker at Children's Health-Care of Atlanta. I always look forward to celebrating the successes of my dear sisters!" reports

Jamie Stodghill Mahaffey '04 of Stockbridge, GA.

In Macon, **Amanda Wood Marsh '04** teaches 2nd grade at Carter Elementary. "I am married to Jon Marsh and have three step-daughters - Baylee, Tucker, and Payton. I also have a 2-year-old named Mary Quinn whose godmother is **Megan Quinn '05**."

Sarah Shearouse '04 is an attorney with her own practice in Canton, GA. She specializes in elder law. Sarah and husband Will Carlan are expecting their first child in September.

Alexandra Aldica Willis '04 lives in Costa Mesa, CA. She is a graphic artist and owns her own business, Avant Garde Marketing.

Irina Tanurcov '05 of Cave Creek, AZ, has been employed in the commercial litigation group of Snell & Wilmer L.L.P. of Phoenix, AZ, since her graduation from Harvard Law School. Irina has recently tried her first case (pro bono) and she reports it is one of the most fascinating and rewarding experiences she's ever had!

Congratulations to **Heather Hughes Walter '05** of Lyndhurst, NJ, who is the new assistant to EVP of Global Marketing, Calvin Klein at Coty Prestige.

Congratulations to **Lauren Hamblin '06**, who is the new director of alumni relations at Mount de Sales Academy in Macon. Wesleyan College and the Wesleyan Alumnae Association would like to thank Lauren for her work as alumnae director for classes 1980-2013.

In fall 2013 **Shanita Douglas Miller '06** of Snellville, GA, assumed the position of director of development and community outreach at the Alliance Francaise of Atlanta. "After I was offered this position, I emailed my former Wesleyan French professors who were ecstatic. I have been fortunate to use my French major in various professional capacities and I enjoy sharing this with current students. A highlight this year was welcoming Dr. Desmet and Dr. Sappi to the Alliance for a tour, and current student Ojashwi Pathak for our winter session as she completes her spring internship at the State Capitol.

It's always a pleasure reconnecting with Wesleyan faculty and meeting young Wesleyannes."

Dawn Peyton Nash '07 (MBA) of Macon will serve as president of The Morning Music Club of Macon in 2014-2015.

2009 (5th Reunion)

Reunion Co-Chairs **Lucy Guy** and **Megan Poole** steered the reunion course for Pirates of 2009 who set sail for Wesleyan. Facebook messages kept Pirates connected by land and by sea. Even **Missy Ward-Angalla** made it back - all the way from Africa! Amidst hugs and hoopla, classmates made time for sharing treasured "red" memories at the class party held at Mellow Mushroom. It was a "funtastic" 5th and a special weekend for sharing sisterhood.

Tammy Burch-Thomas '09 lives in Warner Robins, GA, and works at the Hephzibah Children's Home in Macon as the CQI coordinator / executive assistant / and CPR instructor.

Golden Heart **Rasheedah Caldwell '11** of Macon opened an afterschool drama club, Creatif De Nature in April 2014.

Congratulations to **Christian Nicole Farrow Mills '11** and husband Rudy on the birth of their daughter, Kaelyn Grace, who was born on August 7, 2013, in San Antonio, TX. The family resides in Biloxi, MS. (See *Births*)



Class of 1994 (20th reunion)

(L-R) **Row 1:** Janelle Reynolds Fleming, Lisa Brannen Pompa, Alexis Long, Valerie Knopik **Row 2:** Cara Carroll Baity, Holly Hawkins Odom, Marcie Hamill Sink, Lee Twombly Olson **Row 3:** Jaqui Dravis Wilson **Row 4:** Shelia Davis, Melissa McKenzie Crowder, Jill Hauver Celeste, Michelle Holland Conner, Melanie Rahn



Scholarship for Leadership

ELIZABETH HARRELL '16

Each year the Wesleyan College Alumnae Association awards a scholarship for leadership to a rising junior who is selected for her outstanding leadership qualities and the good academic standing she has shown during her first two years at the College. This year the recipient is Elizabeth Harrell, Class of 2016.

Elizabeth Harrell is a native of Camilla, Georgia, but has called Brunswick, Georgia, home since 2007. When she entered Wesleyan she quickly claimed the College as her second home and became engaged in campus life and causes

that were close to her heart. Her passion for helping others began in Brunswick with work in a special needs church ministry which fueled her desire to major in religious studies and philosophy.

From the start, Elizabeth took an active role as a campus leader and began sharing her love of serving others. She became involved with the Wesleyan Disciples program in her first year and has served on the Council of Religious Unity (CRU) in her sophomore year. She also has served on the committee for Relay for Life. Selected to be a volunteer for WAVE, she was an orientation leader and was chosen as a summer lead for her sophomore year.

A spirited member of the Green Knight Class, Elizabeth has been involved with STUNT and was the 2014 Green Knight STUNT committee chair. In the Macon community Elizabeth has volunteered with Aunt Maggie's Kitchen Table and WOW! A Day for Macon. During the week Elizabeth works as a student assistant in Huckabee Hall and finds times to work with a special needs person on campus doing occupational therapy.

In addition to her leadership roles, Elizabeth maintains an outstanding academic record. She has been named to the Provost's List each year and received a certificate of scholastic achievement from The Honor Society Phi Kappa Phi in her first year. After Wesleyan, Elizabeth plans to pursue a master's degree in higher education administration and would like to serve as a dean of students at a major university.

Elizabeth values the time she gives to others and says, "There are many opportunities to lead at Wesleyan. It is a place where you get to fully develop your own leadership strengths and weaknesses. I am stronger now because I have been challenged to become a better leader."

For her outstanding leadership and potential; for her scholastic achievements and honors; for service she has given to the Macon community and to Wesleyan, especially as a role model for first and second year students; and for upholding Wesleyan traditions and ideals as a class leader, the Wesleyan College Alumnae Association is proud to present the Scholarship for Leadership award to Elizabeth Harrell, Class of 2016.

2013 (1st Reunion)

Pirates made the pilgrimage back "home" to Wesleyan to see familiar places and faces and to celebrate a WESLEYAN FIRST - their 1st reunion! Kudos to **Marisa Arnold** and **Chelsea Bolton** who served as reunion co-chairs and kept Pirate pride alive, especially at the class party held in Corn Gardens where "life after Wesleyan" took a back seat to recapturing sisterhood moments. After returning to campus and celebrating with sisters, the Class of 2013 agreed "there's no place like home!"

Brittany Appelboom '13 attends the University of Alabama at Birmingham, where she is pursuing a Ph.D. in biomedical sciences with a concentration in genetics.

Marisa Arnold '13 and Corey Marquies Pierce Sr. have a new son, Corey Marquies Pierce, Jr., who was born on December 8, 2013. Marisa works as an associate store manager of Build-A-Bear Workshop. (See Births)

In Macon, **Chelsea Bolton '13** is employed as a special education teacher, 3rd-5th grade (EBD self-contained) at Elam Alexander Academy.

Faithe Day '13 enjoyed seeing classmates at reunion and lighting the candle of her real-life sister, **Ashlee Day '14**. Faithe is pursuing her Ph.D. in communication studies at the University of Michigan.

Ashley Jackson '13 is engaged to Justin Easley (MIT '13) and they have set the date - July 2015! She is a teacher and will pursue an M.Ed. at the University of Michigan this fall.

Katie McIntosh '13 lives in Palm Bay, FL, and teaches math at Tavares High School. She is in grad school now working on a degree in math education from the University of Central Florida.

Kelsey Tinsman '13 teaches music theory in Tallahassee, FL. This fall she will attend Mercer University where she will pursue a master's degree in vocal performance.

Class of 1999 (15th reunion)

(L-R) **Row 1:** Elizabeth Bridges, Amanda Avery Cooper, Kim Dang
Row 2: Carrie Walker Dumm, Erica Collinsworth Lockwood, Heather Beene Booker, MaryLynn Johnson Truelove, Kawana Printup West, Tiffany Grayson **Row 3:** Chrissy Olszweski McCampbell, Amanda Marine Evans, Dana Karstensen-Bryan, Shayna Jordan Pierce, Stacey Barney Launius, Odon Ezell-Whiddon, Demetria Brown Patterson
Row 4: Alicia Joy Smith, Bingle Brown, Tracie Porter-Carmichael, Nichole Arnault, Christina Cote Findley, Michele McDuffie, Danielle Fleming Fanning, Liza Sanden



Dr. William F. Quillian, Jr.
 April 13, 1913 – March 4, 2014

Dr. William F. Quillian, Jr. spent many of his young years on Wesleyan College's campuses (downtown and Rivoli) where his father, Dr. William Fletcher Quillian, served as president from 1921-1936. The son of William and Nonie Acree Quillian, Class of 1909, Dr. Quillian's career followed a path much like his father's, including becoming an ordained United Methodist minister and president of a women's college. Bill Quillian died

March 4, 2014, just six weeks shy of his 101st birthday.

Quillian graduated from Emory University and continued his studies at Yale University, earning a bachelor of divinity degree and a Ph.D. In 1941, Quillian began his career as assistant professor of philosophy at Gettysburg College where he remained until 1945. He was appointed professor of philosophy at Ohio Wesleyan University, and in 1952 he became president of Randolph-Macon Woman's College in Lynchburg, Virginia, a position he held until his retirement in 1978. A distinguished scholar, Quillian received honorary degrees from Ohio Wesleyan University, Hampden-Sydney College, Emory University, Randolph-Macon Woman's College, and Randolph-Macon College. Throughout his career, Quillian was active in civic and philanthropic endeavors, holding many board positions in the Lynchburg area. Quillian was well known for his natural charm and grace and love for his family and community. Quillian enjoyed lifelong friendships with two of his mother's Wesleyan classmates, Soong Ai-ling and Induk Pahk who often visited his family's summer home at Lake Junaluska in North Carolina.

Dr. Quillian returned to Wesleyan's campus several times over the years as a featured speaker. In 1998, to honor Nora Kizer Bell, Wesleyan's first female president and an alumna of Randolph-Macon Woman's College, Dr. Quillian established the Nonie A. and William F. Quillian Distinguished Teaching Award at Wesleyan. The highly coveted annual prize is awarded each year during Fall Convocation to a faculty member who demonstrates excellence in teaching and commitment to an outstanding learning community and who is regarded by both faculty and students as a premier educator. In 2004 he visited Wesleyan again as part of the festivities celebrating the inauguration of President Ruth Knox. During the Friday night barbecue that weekend, Dr. Quillian charmed the crowd with tales of his exploits as a young boy on the all-women campus. Dr. Quillian's example will continue to inspire the Wesleyan community, and we are grateful for his life.



Sue Marie Thompson Turner

August 28, 1929 – May 8, 2014

Sue Marie Thompson Turner from the Class of 1950 passed away on May 8. Sue Marie was the wife of William B. Turner of Columbus and the sister-in-law of Wesleyan Trustee Betty Turner Corn '47 and the late Sarah Louise "Weezie" Turner Butler '41. She is remembered as a loving wife, mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother, devoted to her family, her church, and her community. She and Bill, her husband of 65 years, modeled a wonderful marriage for their six children, their 21 grandchildren, and 20 great-grandchildren. Sue Marie also was committed to philanthropy and, along with husband Bill, was a generous supporter of her alma mater, most recently for Pierce Chapel.



Class of 2004 (10th reunion)

(L-R) **Row 1:** Nicola Watson, Lauren Eckman, Amanda Gluck Steger

Row 2: Katie Crozier-Theis, Bethany Dale, Jamila Thomas-Jackson, Jodi Miller Hardee, Erin Zinko McKenna, Sarah Shearouse, Mercedes Shuler,

Jessica Spurlock **Row 3:** McKinzie Beitz Strickland, Emily Dukes LeVan, Katy

Haye, Shanna Malcolm, Jamie Stodghill Mahaffey, Julia Munroe, Amanda

Wood Marsh **Row 4:** Mary Kathryn Borland, Alex Aldica Willis, Libby

Garrett King, Caroline Potts ShemTov, Anna Cornelious

The Class of 1964:
Celebrating 50 years
and 50 Shades of Green.



Class of 2009 (5th reunion)

(L-R) Tammy Taiwan Burch-Thomas, Jennifer Theisen,
Missy Ward-Angalla, Katherine Kennedy, Kimberly Minor



Class of 2013 (1st reunion)

(L-R) Row 1: Libby Peacock, Sue Emery, Ameera Harris,
Janelle Campos Row 2: Kelsey Tinsman, Marisa Arnold, Aditi
Dey Row 3: Faithe Day, Ashley Jackson, Kyla Burgess, Brittany
Appelboom Row 4: Tiffany Hicks, Chelsea Bolton, Leah York



Alumnae Weekend – It's not just for reunion classes! Announcing Alumnae Weekend 2015 April 17, 18, & 19

Mark your calendar now and plan to join us next
spring! Reunions are celebrated at five-year intervals, but
all alumnae are invited to this and every Alumnae Weekend.

1930	1945	1960	1975	1990	2005
1935	1950	1965	1980	1995	2010
1940	1955	1970	1985	2000	2014

Sisterhood and apples, 1939



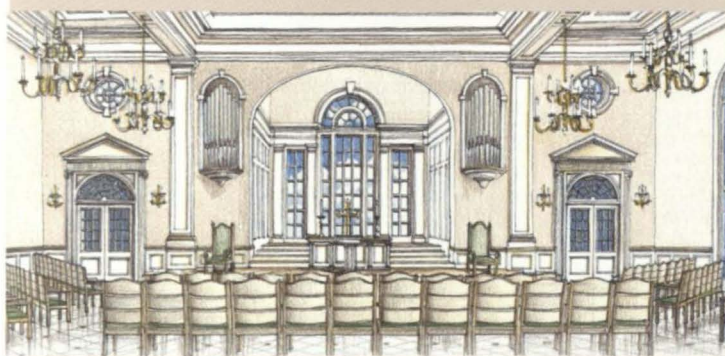
In 2005, Virginia Broome Waterer '42 sent a letter to Ruth Hall Knox '40 enclosing this photograph taken some 66 years earlier. Virginia had just found the photograph, taken by her mother on the steps of their home at 900 Arlington Place in Atlanta in 1939. The girls were about to leave for the Withers' family mountain house in Tate. "In a box of Auntie Ida's photos was a print of the enclosed photo of us (apple-eating Wesleyannes) in 1939. . . . In the picture I spotted all those half-eaten apples some of us are holding – so funny – a joyful, playful occasion – what fun we had! How 'young and beautiful' we were!" In the same letter Virginia reminisced about their role as hostesses for the GWTW premiere.

In the photograph are:

1. Charles Broome, Virginia's brother
2. Ida Routledge, Virginia's "Auntie Ida" from England
3. Bettye "B. Withers" Barnes '42
4. Ruth Hall Knox '40 (daughter Ruth Knox '75)
(died 5/1/07)
5. Elizabeth "Beebo" Martin Jennings '42
(died 1/7/14)
6. Betty "B. Anderson" Farkas '42
(daughter Tina Farkas '74)
(died 10/14/13)
7. Jane Gary Miller '42 (daughter Judy Miller Newbern '67)
(died 10/25/13)
8. Margaret Hunter Richards (daughter Helen Anne Richards '80)
(died 7/15/05)
9. Mary Stewart Becking McClain '42
(daughter Karin Smith Glendenning '67 and granddaughter Mary Stewart Glendenning Lewis '92) (died 9/24/11)
10. Virginia Broome Waterer '42
11. Jill (died 1949)

"B. Anderson" and Jane died within a few days of each other, "Beebo" just a few months later.

Groundbreaking News From Wesleyan



On Thursday, February 13, 2014 Wesleyan College held a ground blessing ceremony to celebrate the eighty-five year old dream of building a Pierce Chapel on the Rivoli campus.

Now you are invited to be a part of the Pierce Chapel project at Wesleyan College.

For a limited time, gifts to the Annual Fund can be designated to name a chair and/or hymnal in Pierce Chapel.

Here's How:

Chapel Chair: Make a gift of \$250 more than you gave to the Annual Fund last fiscal year.

Hymnal: Make a gift of \$50 more than you gave to the Annual Fund last fiscal year.

Examples:

Last fiscal year (July 1, 2012 – June 30, 2013), you gave \$100.

- If you give \$350 this year, you can name a chair.
- If you give \$150, you can name a hymnal.
- If you give \$400, you can name both a chair and a hymnal.

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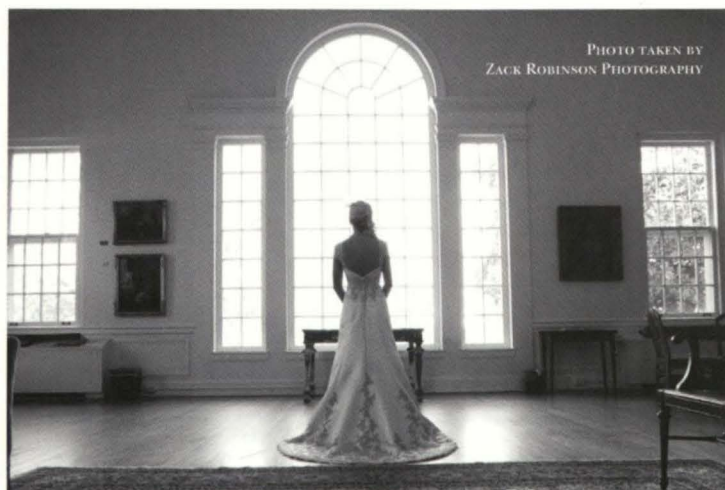


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Meet Lucy Guy '09, who volunteers as an Alumnae Admission Representative. In addition to referring several students to Wesleyan, Lucy is the alumna coordinator for Wesleyan First Award, regularly represents Wesleyan at college fairs, and attends Welcome to Wesleyan Weekend. It's no wonder Wesleyan's Office of Admission awarded her 2014 Alumnae Admission Representative of the Year during Alumnae Weekend. Thanks, Lucy, for giving back to your alma mater in such a supportive way.